

This report is due on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH, by 4 pm *IN THE HISTORY OFFICE*. **I will, however, accept it a week earlier in class on November 20th** . PLEASE NOTE the different time and location for the submission of the review from that indicated in the syllabus. ANY REPORT SUBMITTED AFTER NOV 27th WILL BE TREATED AS BEING LATE AND PENALIZED.

The requirements for the report are the same as always, that it should be between four to six pages of typed prose (double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins all around). I must emphasize yet, again, that I am looking for **a serious engagement with the readings**.

I want you to address the following question in your report:

DOES “RELIGION” HAVE AN EXISTENCE OUTSIDE OF HISTORICAL CONTEXTS, OR DOES CONTEXT ALONE PRODUCE OUR IDEAS ABOUT RELIGIOSITY IN THE MODERN WORLD? DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN LIGHT OF ALL THE READINGS FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

To get the full points for this review, your essay MUST address the question above AND weave into the essay the central ideas as well as additional data from ALL FIVE we have discussed over the last two weeks. That is, you must demonstrate your engagement with the theses AND SPECIFICS from the essays by Mamdani, Cole, Dussel, Asad (“Comments on Conversion”) and Winn. I do not want to read a general disquisition on the nature of religion and religious experience, but an argument that draws upon our readings for the past two weeks. Do feel free to refer to previous readings from the course to make any other points you wish to make in this report.