

Judaism In-Class Essay

Thesis Statement

The Jews have managed to stay together as a people for 2000 years, despite terrible persecution, because of certain unique factors/aspects of their religion.

.Prove this statement by examining the following topics:

- (i) Their concept of God
- (ii) The concept of the chosen people
- (iii) The Torah
- (iv) Synagogues and Rabbis
- (v) Life, death and the afterlife
- (vi) The concept of suffering
- (vii) The Festivals –Sabbath, Pesach, Hanukkah
- (viii) Persecutions—pogroms, holocaust
- (ix) Dietary Laws
- (x) Humanity and the importance of life

Method

Make **point- form notes** on the following in **your own handwriting**. You will be **evaluated** on these notes, and will be allowed to bring them into your in-class essay test.

Preparation.

You will be given THREE work periods, to make notes and prepare your essay outline, which you may bring to class when you write the essay. You are expected to write **a 6-paragraph essay in class, in one period**. If you need more time, **you may come after school**.

Date assigned.....

Date due.....

Mark: 100% of unit