

Worldview Autobiography

A Reflection on Your Own Context

Now that you have an understanding of “situatedness” and the importance of recognizing the ways that our cultural contexts and experience shape our perceptions, it’s time to take a deeper dive into your own background. In order to begin to apply the idea of “situatedness” in the context of our own lives, I would like you to prepare what our team is calling a Worldview Autobiography. **You should do so in at least 250 words and hopefully include some pictures.** The purpose of this exercise is to highlight our individual “situatedness” and the ways that our perceptions about religion are shaped by our social, cultural, geographical, and historical contexts.

The assignment is due at the start of class on Friday, August 28th!

Please submit it to Schoology.

Here are some questions for you to consider before you begin your autobiography:

- How does your personal background and assumptions impact your interpretations of religion?
- What significant experiences have you had that impact your understanding of religion?
- What are the sources of your information about religion? Do you get any from pop culture?
- Do your views differ from your parents? From your grandparents?
- What perspectives do they (the views of your relatives) represent?
- What perspectives are not included?
- How do your assumptions about religion and/or your experiences with religion shape your perceptions?