

Individuals in Religious Social Environments

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### **Assignment #3: Essay Draft**

1. In preparation for Assignment #4, choose a scholarly topic of interest. Type the topic on the title line on the cover page and the first page of the paper. Explain your reasoning for choosing the topic in the introduction section (after the title and before the first Level 1 heading) of the paper. Use your best academic voice, correct sentence structure, tense, and punctuation. In the rest of the introductory paragraph, preview three points you would address in an essay about your topic with ideas that came from your sources.
2. Develop a list of search terms and phrases that pertain to the subject chosen and include these immediately following the first Level 1 heading. Give the list a name and use the name as the Level 1 heading (use the heading styles in the template and the APA 7 Manual or Guide provided in the hyperlinks in this syllabus). Present the list in a complete sentence or a bulleted list with an opener (e.g., Search terms related to the topic of this paper are as follows:). Use correct punctuation.
3. Continue building the Works Cited list you began in Assignment #2. Locate a minimum of two books (minimum of one published in the last five years) relevant to your chosen topic and develop an APA reference for each book. Insert the properly formatted references in the Works Cited section of the paper.
4. Locate four primary research journal articles relevant to your chosen topic; three articles must be less than five years old. Develop a reference for each journal article and insert the references into the Works Cited section. Put your 10 references in alphabetical order.

### **Individuals in Religious Social Environments**

As a scholar dedicated to employing my graduate work for constructive social change, as well as a practicing sociology instructor, I am fascinated by the symbiotic relationship between individuals and their social environments. Human beings are both actively shaping and actively being shaped by a multitude of social surroundings every moment of everyday. To understand an individual; their choices, their intentions, their successes and their failures, we must make careful consideration of the social environment (context) in which they are operating. In my doctoral studies, I am specifically fascinated in exploring the relationship between individuals and Christian worship environments. Meaningful points I would seek to cover in this research would be emotional regulation in worship, spirituality as a means of human connection, as well as the production of Christian worship environments.

### **Relevant Search Terms**

Relevant search terms for the aforementioned topic include Christian worship environments, emotional regulation, social religiosity, worship production, spiritual emotion, environment and emotion, as well as worship theology.

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