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Topic: Travel Journal Guidelines

Begin your Travel Journal here—with two lines (no more, no less) separating your heading from the body of your text. Double space the *body* of the TJ only—the heading (formatted as indicated above) should always be single-spaced. *Travel Journals must always be typed.* Use Arial or Times New Roman or a similar font, 12 point type, and no greater than the default margins (generally 1” top & bottom and 1.25” at the sides).

Indent rather than skipping lines between paragraphs. Each TJ must be a full page long, although you are always welcome to write more. Don’t stop thinking—or recording those thoughts—just because you’ve filled a page. (If you are concerned about saving paper, simply print double-sided.) Although TJs are not formal essays, the most basic structure—a beginning, a middle and an end—should be evident. Please be mindful that you must *actually conclude*, not simply end your TJ when you reach the bottom of the page.

TJs are due each week. At the beginning and end of the year I will assign specific questions for your reflection and response. For much of the rest of the year you will be reflecting either on “before” and “after” thoughts about the traditions we study or responding to the dual question of: what did I learn this week and why does it matter? (to you, to your evolving spiritual life, to understanding the religion we’re studying—whatever importance you find is totally okay) Every now and then I’ll assign a “free” TJ, meaning you can write about absolutely anything at all: the Jonas Brothers, your favorite TV show, how

much you hate Sophomore Symposium, how you spent your weekend—anything that you choose.

You will receive full credit (10 points per TJ) if you follow these directions, abide by the format indicated and turn your TJ in when it is due. You will lose points for ignoring *any* of these directions as well as for turning your TJ in late.

Your grade is based solely on following these guidelines and any directions given for a particular TJ, *not* your expressed feelings or opinions.

Happy travel journaling!