

Blog Post Structure/Checklist
REL 100: Christian and Hindu Traditions
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The Structure of a Good Blog Post:

Paragraph 1

- An interesting hook to get the reader's attention
- The author, publication, and a link to the article/post you are responding to/critiquing
- A summary of the author's main point.
- A quote that sums up the article well

Paragraphs 2-3

- A good summary of the article's main points

Paragraph 4-5

- Your critique of the post drawing on ideas from class and using specific examples to relate the content of the article to our course content. These paragraphs should make an argument.

Conclusion

- End by giving the original author the benefit or the doubt or by acknowledging what you think they did well. For example, "That said, Johnson's point about the importance of Hindu reformers to modern global Hinduism cannot be denied..."

A Checklist Before You Post Your Blog:

1. Format

- Your name
- Link to article you are discussing
- Name of author of article and/or publication
- Tags

2. Content

- Article is timely and relevant
- Key points of article you are discussing
- Clear summary of article
- Your own argument regarding the article
- Your analysis/argument uses *specific* ideas, examples, and arguments *from our class readings/lectures*.
- Written from the perspective of a religious studies scholar (think Richard King's "methodological agnosticism")

3. Writing

- Proofread
- Writing is clear and crisp
- Smartly written but still entertaining

If you have any questions please ask me. Also, I will read blog posts and offer feedback if you send them to me ahead of time.