The Sociological Study of Religion

Objective:
1) Outline what the sociological study of religion is, and what it is not
2) Introduce various methodologies in the sociological study of religion
3) Familiarize students with the various online research tools on The ARDA

Activity:
In The Learning Center on The ARDA, complete some or all of the Site Tutorials as a class. The tutorials that will best prepare students for the activities and assessments contained in this syllabus are Finding Info on Beliefs and Behaviors, Finding Info on a Denomination, Finding Info on Local Religion, and Finding International Data.

Assessment:
Provide students with descriptions of how religion is studied in a variety of fields (psychology, sociology, theology, political science, philosophy) and have them match the perspective with the correct field.

Direct students to complete whichever Site Tutorials were not covered in class.

Suggested readings:
