

YEAR 8

Independent learning to be completed during school closure please submit this work in whichever way is easiest for you e.g. email a Word or PowerPoint document or photo of your work; write your answer up in the body of an email; file your work to be handed in at a later date

Religious Studies: During a two week period you would ordinarily have: 2 lessons

Week Beginning: 8 June 2020

You have spent time this year looking at different religions and we will return to that by the end of the summer term. For now, however, you are going to spend two lessons thinking about why people do not believe in God and worldviews that do not involve believing in God. As usual, present your answers to the activities below in any way you like.

1. Briefly define these words: theist, atheist, agnostic, secular. If you would like a challenge, research and explain the root parts of these words, for example, what does 'a' mean when placed at the start of a word?
2. Why might someone be an atheist? Try to explain at least two reasons.
3. Which famous people (from either history or now) are atheist and what are their reasons for it? Try to give at least two people and a summary of their thoughts on atheism.

You will find it helpful to search dictionary definitions of the key words and phrases such as '**atheism explained for kids**'. There is also lots of information at **BBC Religions / Atheism** (even though it isn't a religion!).

Week Beginning: 15 June 2020

This lesson, you are going to be finding out about secular humanism, which links to your work from last time on atheism. As usual, present your answers for these activities in any way you like.

1. What is secular humanism? Give a brief definition and at least two key facts.
2. What do secular humanists believe about life after death?
3. What do secular humanists believe about deciding between right and wrong?
4. Do you think the UK should be a secular country (where religion is not practised or discussed in public and where religion has nothing to do with the running of the country)? Explain your answer.
5. How far do you think it is true to say humans are basically good and can make a nice world for themselves to live in if they try harder?

You will find a great deal of information at **humanism.org.uk**, especially if you search for the video clips on this site entitled '**That's Humanism.**'

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