



Knowledge Organiser



Year 5 – Summer Term

Humanism

Key Knowledge

What should we know by the end of this topic?

- There are many non-religious worldviews, as well as those based in faith
- Humanism is a non-religious worldview
- Humanists develop their morality by using The Golden Rule
- Humanists use reason to make decisions and consider the impact their decision has on other humans, animals and the environment
- Many Humanists aim to live a life which brings pleasure and benefit to others, and avoid bringing pain and suffering to them
- The Happy Human is a Humanist symbol
- Some Humanists are agnostics; others are atheist
- Humanists have differing views about religion

Key Questions

If there isn't a God, who made the world?

If God made the world, who made God?

Will my pet go to heaven?

Why does God let bad things happen?

If there is no God, why are we here?

How is the Golden Rule used in religion?

Key Skills

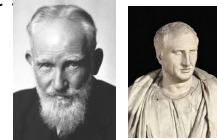
How can we develop as a theologian?

- Compare agnosticism and atheism
- Consider whether agnosticism and atheism are worldviews
- Decide upon own religious stance, reflecting on this throughout the topic
- Practise using Humanist principles to make moral decisions
- Consider how and why Humanists feel they live a meaningful existence, without God



Significant People

Bernard Shaw: "Do not do unto others as you would expect they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same."



Marcus Cicero: "There are many things that we would never do for our own sake but will do for the sake of friends."

Key Vocabulary

How can I use these words in my lessons?

Vocabulary	Definition
Theist	A person who believes in the existence of God.
Atheist	A person who denies the existence of God.
Agnostic	A person who believes the existence of God cannot be proven or denied.
Humanist	A follower of the principles of Humanism.
The Golden Rule	Treat others as you wish to be treated.
Morality	The distinction between right and wrong.
Happy Human	Humanist symbol.

