

Y6-7 Transition

Philosophy and Ethics



Workbook

Name: _____

Primary school: _____

Welcome to Philosophy and Ethics!

Philosophy and Ethics is the study of the big questions in life. It is an important subject to study so that we can understand important events that have happened in our world and the people that live in it. It will include focusing on two of the key religions of the world; Christianity and Islam, as well as key ethical debates, such as how racism can still exist in 2020, and how poor people are exploited. The aim of this booklet is to introduce you to these skills and to put them to the test! Good luck, and enjoy!

What do you already know?

Before we start, we need to know what you have already covered at primary school. For each of the religions, **tick** to show whether you learned about it at primary school or not. Be completely honest!

Religion	Did it!	Not sure...	Didn't do it
Christianity			
Islam			
Hinduism			
Sikhism			
Buddhism			

Thank you! Let's move on...

Task 1

MILD - Using the following websites to help, create a This is Your Life factfile for Jesus Christ. Try to include – Who he was? What he did (e.g. miracles)? Where he was? When he was around? WHY he is so significant to Christians?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zyn34wx>

<http://www.about-jesus.org/jesus-facts.htm>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/jesus_1.shtml

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jesus>

MEDIUM - Using the following websites to help, create a This is Your Life factfile for the Prophet Muhammad. Try to include – Who he was? What he did? Where he was? When he was around? WHY he is so significant to Muslims?

<https://www.morocoworldnews.com/2013/01/75149/30-facts-about-prophet-muhammad-pbuh/>

<https://www.biography.com/religious-figure/muhammad>

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Muhammad>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/history/muhammad_1.shtml

SPICY – Using the information above, compare BOTH of the figures, in a This is Your Life comparison special.







Task 2 – Focus on Christianity (MEDIUM SPICE)

Draw an important symbol used in the Christian religion:

Why is this symbol important?

1)

2)

Christmas is an important Christian festival.

Why is Christmas important to Christians?

1)

2)

3)

How do Christians celebrate Christmas?

1)

2)

Task 4 – Focus on Islam (SPICY)

Draw an important symbol used in the Islam religion:

Why is this symbol important?

1)

2)

Ramadan is an important Muslim festival; it is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.

Why is Ramadan important to Muslims?

1)

2)

3)

How do Muslims celebrate Ramadan?

1)

2)

The month of Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid. Muslims are celebrating the end of fasting and thanking Allah for the strength he gave them over the past 30 days. How do Muslims celebrate Eid?

1)

2)

3)

Task 5

How can racism still exist in 2020?

Racism is the belief that the colour of a person's skin, or their race, makes a person less valuable than others, so they can be treated unfairly. We use the word 'racist' to describe someone who treats people of other races in a negative way, or **discriminates** them.



MILD – Describe why some people are racist.

MEDIUM – Explain two contrasting views in Britain today about racism.

SPICY – **Religious believers should fight racism more than other forms of prejudice.** What do you think? Explain your opinion.

Task 6

Why are people still poor in 2020?

When someone is extremely poor, it is described as them living in **poverty**.

Causes of poverty

Climate/natural disaster Idleness/and lack of effort Disease/disability Bad investments
War/corrupt governments Addiction High-interest loan People trafficking
Lack of education/employment High taxes Austerity measures Family and upbringing Debt
Immigration Unfair trade/poor wages

Which do you think is the most important cause? Why?

What do Christians and Muslims believe about poverty?

Christianity

- If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need how can the love of God be in him? (1 John 3:17)
- If a brother has no clothes or food what good is it to wish him well without caring for his physical needs? (James 2:15)

Islam

- He who eats and drinks whilst his brother goes hungry is not one of us. (Hadith)
- For a debtor, give him time to pay – but if you let it go out of charity this is the best thing to do. (Qur'an)

MILD – Describe why some people are living in poverty in the UK in 2020.

MEDIUM – Explain why religious people should be helping to tackle the causes of poverty.

SPICY – **If you have wealth, you have a responsibility to tackle the causes of poverty.** Why might people agree and disagree with this? Explain your opinion.