



RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS: BRIDGING ACTIVITY

Year 12 can be a giant leap from GCSE and the work demands are greater. To give you the best start possible here is some work to get you a bit of a head start. This works alongside the wider reading list which has a variety of suggestions for you to access with reading, films and podcasts.

Subject Content for this course can be found here...

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-7062/subject-content>

Task 1: Create a fact file about the following philosophers. Include dates, pictures and a background of their views, major works, ethical theories, what their theories say and key aspects of their theories.

No more than a side of A4, each well presented. Add a picture of the philosopher.

- Peter Singer
- St Thomas Aquinas
- Jeremy Bentham
- Plato
- Aristotle
- Immanuel Kant
- Joseph Fletcher

Task 2:

Lectures from the university of Chester

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/subject-activities-schools-and-colleges/theology-and-religious-studies/trs-chester-level-webinars-0>

Watch a University of Chester lecture. There are lots to pick from – pick one that interests you.

- Write a short summary of what it was about and why it interested you
- State any points you agreed with
- State the points you disagreed with

- What questions do you have since watching the lecture?

No more than one A4 page on each lecture. Present information clearly, using the headings above.

Task 3:

Essay Questions

A. Write your own response to the following question, no more than 500 words:

“How should we decide the right thing to do?”

In your answer you should:

- Include a range of different opinions
- Conduct your own research to find possible answers from different fields of thinking (philosophy, psychology, sociology, religion, etc)
- Justify your answer with a range of reasons
- Include examples to illustrate your point
- Reach a justified conclusion
- Include a bibliography to demonstrate your own research

B. Write a response to the following question, no more than 500 words:

“Should people believe in God?”

In your answer you should:

- Demonstrate understanding of several different viewpoints
- Show evidence of having discussed the question with at least three other people, and included an analysis of their comments, including similarities and differences
- Give clear reasons for each perspective
- Give examples to justify your answer
- Reach a clear and justified conclusion
- Include a bibliography, if required