

Task 1 - What is Humanism?

*For all tasks in this unit, you will be required to think deeply and engage in discussion with someone in your home. You could also discuss with friends and family on the phone or by video calling them, as well as talking to us on the class email accounts. Humanism is a topic which will hopefully provoke much thought and it would be interesting to hear your ideas.

This task will provide you with a general overview and introduction to Humanism. There are some video links on the powerpoint to support the information on the slides.

Read through the powerpoint carefully, using the prompts to support your thinking and discussion. Although there is no required written work, you many want to make notes as there is a quiz at the end!

Task 2 - How do Humanists decide what to believe?

This task will allow you to think about your own beliefs and why you believe them. It digs deeper into the reasons why humanists choose to believe what they do and allows you to consider how this compares to other religions (such as your own or others you have learned about in school).

There are lots of questions to discuss again in this task, as well as some scenarios for you to imagine or role play. The main work for today's learning is based on discussion and there are some video links to support your learning. You may wish to, if you choose, make a poster summarising the key learning from Task 2's slides.

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Task 3 - Why is happiness important to humanists?

Task 3 involves thinking about a key idea for humanists - happiness! We all need happiness in our lives - especially in times like these - and these slides will explore this concept.

As always, there are some thinking and discussion tasks, so grab someone at home or communicate with a friend. Some tasks involve printing and cutting cards out to sort, so get prepared first.

Your MAIN task today is to create a recipe for happiness using what you've learned and there is an example on the ppt to help you with ideas. Show us your final piece and remember to add some illustrations! Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could create our own Abacus book of Happy Recipes!

Task 5 - Why should I be good? (Ethics)

Your final task in this unit introduces you to the idea of ethics by learning about why humanists believe we should be motivated to be good. It is mainly discussion based, so grab someone at home or a friend online to talk to, and there is also a video to watch!

At the end, there is an extension task to draw a poster advising why it is good to be good.

We hope you are all being good at home and – if not – hopefully this lesson will make you think twice about your choices.

For further information, ideas and videos about humanism, visit this site. We have only touched upon some of the ideas this week especially about ethics https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/

Task 4 - What do humanists value?

This task is all about considering what humanists believe to be important and what sort of a word they want and using these ideas to design a humanist building.

Again, there are some thinking points, pictures and a video to support you. There are no right or wrong answers to this task - as long as you can explain your ideas and link them to humanist values, anything goes!

We look forward to seeing your fantastic buildings!