

Key Question: What matters most to Humanists and Christians?

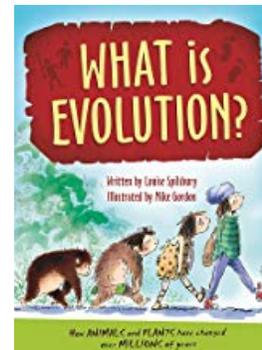
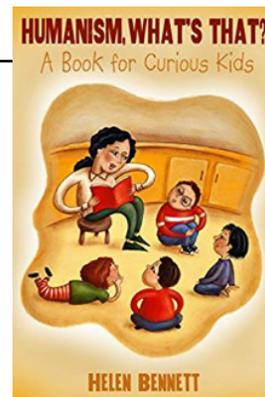
What should I already know:

- Some people are non-religious, and Humanists are a visible group of non-religious people in the UK today.
- Christians believe they were made in 'the image of God'
- Humanists believe humans can be good without a God.



Symbol for Humanism UK

Key Vocabulary:	
Humanist	Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion. Find out more here https://www.reonline.org.uk/subject-knowledge/humanism/
Christian	Christians believe in one God, that is revealed in three forms: The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit
Moral	Standards of behaviour: knowing what is right and wrong.
Humanism	A philosophy or way of thinking about the world. It is a set of ethics or ideas about how people should live and act.
Beliefs	A state of mind in which trust/confidence is placed in some one or some thing.
Atheism	Absence of/having no belief.
Values	Beliefs of a person in which they have an emotional investment, for example: honesty.



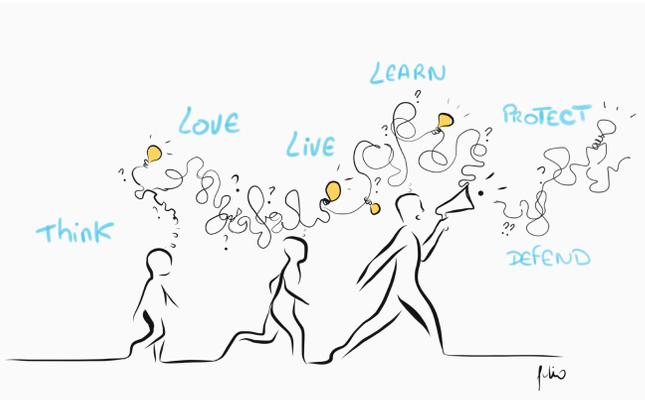
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What is a 'humanist'?

Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.

They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are.

Humanists believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife. As a result they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. They also believe they have a duty to support others.



Questions to debate:

Is peace more valuable than money?

Is love more important than freedom?

Is thinking bad thoughts as bad as acting upon them?

Humanism and Worship – Humanists do not go to a place of worship, however they may hold lectures, and discussion groups.

Humanism and Ceremonies – Humanists hold ceremonies, celebrations and special occasions. These may be weddings, naming ceremonies or funerals.

Humanist Ideas

Most humanists would agree with the ideas below:

- There are no supernatural beings.
- The material universe is the only thing that exists.
- Science provides the only reliable source of knowledge about this universe.
- We only live this life - there is no after-life, and no such thing as reincarnation.
- Human beings can live ethical and fulfilling lives without religious beliefs.
- Human beings derive their moral code from the lessons of history, personal experience, and thought.