

Religious Studies

Summer 2024 Revision List

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Buddhism

- Beliefs and teaching
 - The Birth of the Buddha and his life of luxury
 - The Four Sights
 - The Buddha's ascetic life
 - The Buddha's enlightenment
 - The Dhamma
 - The Concept of dependent arising
 - Three marks of existence: Dukkha
 - Three marks of existence: Anicca
 - Three marks of existence: Anatta
 - The Four Noble Truths
 - Theravada Buddhism
 - Mahayana Buddhism
 - The Arhat and the Bodhisattva
 - Pure Land Buddhism
- Buddhist practices
 - Places of worship
 - How Buddhist worship
 - Meditation (Samatha, Vipassana, visualization)
 - Death and mourning ceremonies and rituals
 - Festivals
 - Karma and rebirth
 - Karuna (Compassion)

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- Metta (Loving-kindness)
 - The Five Moral Precepts
 - The Six Perfections

Christianity

- Beliefs and teaching
 - The nature of God
 - God as omnipotent, loving and just
 - The oneness of God and the Trinity
 - Christian beliefs about creation
 - The incarnation of Jesus
 - The Crucifixion
 - Resurrection and ascension of Jesus
 - Resurrection and life after death
 - The afterlife and judgement
 - Heaven and Hell
 - Sin and salvation
 - The role of Christ in salvation
- Christian practices
 - Worship
 - Prayer
 - Baptism
 - The sacraments: Baptism
 - The sacraments: Holy Communion
 - Celebrating festivals
 - The church and the local community: Foodbanks
 - The church and the local community: Street pastors
 - The place of mission and evangelism
 - Church growth
 - The importance of the worldwide church
 - Christian persecution
 - The church's response to world poverty

Thematic Studies

Theme A: Relationships and families

- Religious teachings about human sexuality
- Sexual relationships before and outside marriage
- Contraception and family planning
- Religious teachings about marriage
- Divorce and remarriage
- The nature of families
- Religious teachings about the purpose of families
- Religious beliefs about gender equality

Theme B: Religion and Life

- The origins of the universe and the value of the world
- The use and abuse of the environment
- Pollution
- The use and abuse of animals
- The origins of human life
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Death and the afterlife

Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict

- Violent protest and terrorism
- Reasons for war
- Nuclear war and weapons of mass destruction
- The “Just” war
- Holy war and religion as a cause of violence
- Pacifism and peacemaking
- Religious responses to victims of war

Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment

- Reasons for crime
- Religious attitudes to lawbreakers and different types of crime
- Three aims of punishment
- Religious attitudes to suffering and causing suffering to others
- Religious attitudes to forgiveness
- Religious attitudes to the death penalty

All students should use their revision guide to assess their knowledge on each of these topics as we go through the last phase of the course.

Additional study and extension activities are linked on all the lesson slides which are set on Google Classroom.