



RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL – SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



Religions provide people with ethical paths to follow, and have a variety of different approaches to ethical issues.

TASKS 1

Pick one ethical issue from the list below and use this website to think about the debate that surrounds the issue:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/guide/>

- Does slavery exist today?
- Should we execute people who commit certain criminal offences?
- What is a forced marriage?
- Is taking drugs to improve your performance in sport the same as cheating?
- Is it ever morally acceptable to tell lies?

After browsing the relevant web pages, your task is to:

- 1.** Explain in one paragraph what the ethical issue is.
- 2.** Then summarise some of the arguments surrounding the issue.

3. Finally, write one paragraph explaining your own opinion about the issue, giving a clear reason for your views. Did your view change at all in the light of what you read on the web site?

4. Collect 5 news stories that have taken place this year or over the summer that propose interesting ethical dilemmas.

5. Stretch & Challenge → Choose two of the news articles you've collected and explain what you think the right or wrong course of action is. What are your reasons? What are your guiding principles?

Here is a few example of ethical dilemmas to choose from:

- The rise of Veganism: can meat eating ever be justified?
- Vaccine Passports: A Path to the New Normal?
- The Super League: is it fuelled by greed?