

Year 4 R.E Knowledge Organiser

Term: Summer 1

Topic: Humanism

What are Humanists' views on happiness?



Key Vocabulary

Happy Human Symbol	The Humanist symbol is called the Happy Human. It was designed by Dennis Barrington who won a competition organised by the BHA in 1965. The symbol was chosen as the design was simple. The symbol shows a human, but it could be either a male or female. Within a few years, this symbol became the international symbol of Humanism. The symbol is still used, in a range of adapted forms, in the present day.
Afterlife	A life that some people believe begins when you die, for example a life in heaven or as another person or animal.
Hedonism	That pleasure or happiness is the sole or chief good in life.
BHA	The British Humanist Association (now operating as Humanists UK). Many Humanists in the UK are members of this association.

Key Knowledge

Humanists main purpose in life is happiness.

Humanists believe in a golden rule in life. This is to treat others how you would like to be treated.

Treating people with fairness and respect.

Celebrating human achievement, progress and potential.

Respecting and promoting freedom, human rights and the law.

Engaging in conversation and discussion with attention to detail.

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Cooperating with others to make good things happen, including with those of different beliefs.

Quotes

'The absence of any belief in the afterlife means the time to be happy is now.' (Robert Ingersoll 1833-1899)

'Happiness is the only good. The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to make others so.' (Robert Ingersoll 1833-1899)

'The happy life is to an extraordinary extent the same as a good life.' (Bertrand Russell 1872-1970)