

Knowledge Organiser

Humanism

What motivates Humanists to lead good lives?

Key Knowledge

Thinking about humanist beliefs on how the world began and why it is important to look after it using the example of Humanist Climate Action.

Key beliefs:

1. There is no evidence of a god – science gives us many answers
2. We have one life – we need to make the best of it!
3. It is our responsibility to treat humans and other living things ethically, fairly and positively.
4. We should take responsibility for our actions.
5. We have the potential to achieve great things which will benefit humanity and future generations
6. Humanists value freedom, empathy, reason and human rights.

The 'Happy Human' is a symbol often associated with Humanism – it is designed to highlight the potential of humans and the ability to celebrate life and achievements which benefit humankind and other living things.

Humanists celebrate human achievements and believe that we all have talents which we should use to benefit others.

Humanists now have non-religious ceremonies; many countries legally recognise these (although not in all areas of the UK to date - 2020) such as naming, weddings and celebrations of life.

Key vocabulary

Humanist

Freedom

Empathy

Reason

Human rights

ethical

responsibility

Learning questions

Can I discuss what a good life is?

Do I know a rule a Humanist might choose to live by to live a good life?

Can I explain how humanists think the world began?

Can I discuss what actions a humanist may take to live a good life?

Can I explain some things that Humanists might believe?

Can I say what would motivate me to lead a better life?

