7.4 Non-Religious Worldviews

Task: Create an information leaflet about Humanism. You may wish to contain: What is Humanism; why Humanists reject God; their views on ethical issues and the important events they celebrate.

Week 1	Why does an atheist not believe in God?	They believer there is not enough evidence to suggest God exists. Scientific theories about the creation of the world are
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What are non-religious worldviews?		
Week Two	What does a Humanist believe?	A Humanist believes humans are the most important species. This should be considered in everything they do, rather than belief in God.
	Why does a Humanist not believe in God?	Because we can never know whether God exists or not, there is no evidence that he exists.
What does a Humanist believe?		
Week Three	What is a theodicy?	Those who believe in a good god provide a number of different responses to the problem of suffering. The process of attempting to answer this problem is known as theodicy. It is the attempt to defend a god's goodness despite the existence of widespread suffering.
ستر بحرب	What is the Problem of Evil?	There is too much suffering in the world – both natural and moral – to suggest that a loving and powerful God exists.
Why do some people reject God?	What did Epicurus say about the Problem of Evil?	'Is god willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent. Is he able, but not willing? Then he is not benevolent.'
Week 4	How do Humanists decide what to do?	Humanists believe the reason to be good is because our actions can have an impact on others; We should think for ourselves about what to do and consider the consequences of our actions; we should use Empathy and the Golden Rule can help us to decide how we should act.
Humanist Moral Decision Making	What is the Golden Rule?	'Treat other people as you'd want to be treated in their situation' And 'Do not treat others in a way you would not like to be treated yourself.'
Week 5 O Humanist views on Ethical Issues	What do Humanists believe about war?	Humanists base their beliefs on reason. They would think carefully about the issue of war and judge each war individually. They believe that all life is important and that war can destroy many lives. We should try to avoid war and look for other solutions like peace talks. Sometimes war is needed if it is to save human lives. E.G. War against Hitler to prevent evil.
	Should Humanists help the poor?	Yes! They believe in the golden rule 'do to others what you would have done to you' They do not like inequality and people being treated differently. We are all members of one species living in this difficult world. Helping others is the best thing to do
Week 6	What is a naming ceremony?	Humanists believe that naming ceremonies are an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of a new human being. They are also an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate

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Humanist views on Rites	What happens at a Humanist wedding?	Freedom is very important to humanists. There are no special rules, traditions, or rituals at a humanist wedding. The couple are free to choose where and how to celebrate and they are encouraged to write their own promises to each other/
of Passage	What happens at a Humanist funeral?	Humanists do not believe in an afterlife. Many therefore feel that the words and sentiment at a religious funeral would be inappropriate for them. A humanist funeral is conducted by a humanist celebrant and there will often be music and readings chosen by the deceased or by family and friends.