






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.

<p>Week 1</p>  <p>What are non-religious worldviews?</p>	<p><i>Why does an atheist not believe in God?</i></p>	<p>They believe there is not enough evidence to suggest God exists. Scientific theories about the creation of the world are more likely.</p>
<p>Week Two</p>  <p>What does a Humanist believe?</p>	<p><i>What does a Humanist believe?</i></p>	<p>A Humanist believes humans are the most important species. This should be considered in everything they do, rather than belief in God.</p>
<p>Week Three</p>  <p>Why do some people reject God?</p>	<p><i>What is a theodicy?</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Week 4</p>  <p>Humanist Moral Decision Making</p>	<p><i>How do Humanists decide what to do?</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Week 5</p>  <p>Humanist views on Ethical Issues</p>	<p><i>What do Humanists believe about war?</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Week 6</p>	<p><i>What is a naming ceremony?</i></p>	<p>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</p>



**Humanist views on Rites
of Passage**

	the community of family and friends, and to make promises of love and support to the new child.
<i>What happens at a Humanist wedding?</i>	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/
<i>What happens at a Humanist funeral?</i>	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.