

Learning Activities	Communication	Supporting Sites
<p><b>Topic:</b> <i>What does it mean to be human?</i></p> <p><b>What do you want students to know?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alternative religious/spiritual beliefs.</li> <li>2. How ‘paganism’ is becoming increasingly more popular as people look to nature for ‘spiritual’ inspiration.</li> <li>3. To learn, analyse and evaluate these beliefs and be able to answer the following question ‘<i>Pagans worship ‘nature’ to feel spiritual fulfilled?</i>’ Discuss</li> </ol> <p><b>What do you want them to produce to demonstrate learning?</b></p> <p>Key word sheet</p> <p>Summarised notes on Paganism</p> <p>Produce a timeline on Holy Days</p> <p>An essay on Paganism and spirituality</p> <p><b>Week 2 Learning Objective:</b></p> <p>To evaluate alternative ‘beliefs systems’ in relation to spiritual experiences.</p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find out the meaning of the key words.</li> <li>2. Research Paganism using the BBC website in far column.</li> <li>3. Produce a timeline on Pagans Holy Days</li> <li>4. Evaluation and produce an essay on Paganism and spirituality.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Key Vocabulary (list 10 words per week)</b></p> <p>Paganism</p> <p>Ecology</p> <p>Wiccans</p> <p>Druids</p> <p>Diverse</p> <p>Odinists</p> <p>Heathens</p> <p>Allusion</p> <p>Mythopoeic</p> <p>Inspiration</p> <p><b>What would you like them to read?</b></p> <p>The different sections on Paganism on the BBC website</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/rites/worship.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/rites/worship.shtml</a></p> <p>Paganism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beliefs</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Timeline – Holy Days</li> <li>• Rites and rituals</li> <li>• Subdivision</li> </ul>

**Points to consider:**

**Activity one: Key words and meanings –**

To look up, write out a key word sheet on Paganism – linking back to the meaning of spirituality in previous learning (week 1)

**Activity two:**

Using the BBC website research, the following make notes and summarise the key points:

Paganism.

- Beliefs
- History
- Timeline – Holy Days
- Rites and rituals
- Subdivision

**Activity three:**

Produce a timeline of Pagans Holy Days – reflect on what they are celebrating and why they are celebrating. (Look at the BBC news on the longest day in the UK **21<sup>st</sup> June** you will see evidence of Pagans celebrating this day – find out where Pagans go to celebrate this day)

**Activity four:**

Answer this question in the form of an essay ***'Pagans worship 'nature' to feel spiritual fulfilled?'*** Discuss

Points to consider:

- The meaning of Spirituality; *'You are surrounded by **spirituality** everyday. The definition of **spirituality** is that which relates to or affects the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things. **Spirituality** touches that part of you that is not dependant on material things or physical comforts.'*
- Evaluate why Pagans are turning away from traditional religions such as Christianity:  
Why do they still feel the need to believe in 'something'?  
Analysis how worshipping 'nature' help them spiritual?
- Use as many key words as possible. (To do this you must make sure you understand the words).
- Remember to answer the question.