

Learning Activities	Communication	Supporting Sites
<p>Topic: “Lockdown has shown we do not need religious places of worship. The buildings and land they stand on should be used for something that benefits everyone!”</p> <p>What do you want students to know?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of places of worship and pilgrimage to those that are religious 2. The effect of Coronavirus has had on being able to go to places of worship and pilgrimage. 3. How people of religion have coped when places of worship have been closed during lockdown. <p>What do you want them to produce to demonstrate learning?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worksheets attached <p>Learning Objective: To look critically if the world needs religious places of worship.</p> <p>Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write out the meaning for any key words you do not know. 2. Write either an article for a newspaper or a letter or blog or vlog on the statement: “Lockdown has shown we do not need religious places of worship. The buildings and land they stand on should be used for something that benefits everyone!” 	<p>Key Vocabulary (list 10 words per week)</p> <p>Pilgrimage Mecca St Peters Sq Ramadan Eid Easter Christian Holy Week Palm Sunday</p> <p>What would you like them to read?</p> <p>Worksheets below</p>	<p>https://thefuturestrust.sharepoint.com/sites/PK_Subjects_P/Year%2007/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewid=b73a33e0%2D9ada%2D4af5%2Db5c8%2D94c28fc6abc&id=%2Fsites%2FPK%5FSubjects%5FP%2FYear%2007%2FRE%20Year%207%2FRE online Powerpoint lesson</p>

To bring this project to an end, you now need to look back on all the previous work from before May half term to conclude your theories on religious places of worship. So far you will have looked at Ramadan, Eid and how Ramadan and Easter were celebrated throughout lockdown across the world as well as work on stewardship, the environment and Chipko movement.

Last week you should have completed the list/brainstorm on ideas that either support or go against the statement **“Lockdown has shown we do not need religious places of worship. The buildings and land they stand on should be used for something that benefits everyone!”**. Use all the work you have done previously to support your ideas; this will be your evidence to support. Use your work on religion and the environment to help you with this. Again, this will be your evidence to support your argument.

Your newspaper/letter/blog/vlog MUST be written in the third person (no - I/me/we/my etc). It should be “the evidence suggests/What can be seen from the evidence is that..” use ‘they/they are/their/they’re/they believe’ etc

This should be at least a page long. There is lots of information already given that you can gather lots of ideas from.

For every 'for argument' there must be a counter 'against argument'. Last weeks work will help you with this. Your work MUST include evidence. Evidence such as quotes from people, Bible quotes, Quran quotes, newspaper quotes, facts etc.

Think about the following questions when writing your piece. These questions are only meant to help you in support of your arguments for or against the statement, you do not need to answer them.

Does religion benefit people?

What does religion bring to people?

How does religion benefit the environment?

Do we really need churches and mosques to worship?

Would money spent on pilgrimage to religious places of worship outside the country we live in be better spent on charities?

Would money spent on churches and mosques be better spent on charities, or on those in need?

Do we need religion to be better people?

What has lockdown taught religious people?

How does attending church or mosque benefit people?

Are churches and mosques too big in size?

Could people practice their religion in smaller groups in smaller buildings?

Scenario:

Since lockdown it has become clear to the government that there isn't enough money in the budget to support the NHS and other public services such as schools, local council services such as bin collections, street cleaning etc. The government has proposed closing all religious places of worship, knocking down the buildings, selling off the goods inside of them and using the money to put back into the public services as well as using the land to build new houses, new doctors surgeries, new schools, hospitals, clinics etc.

There are two sides to this argument. Those that are for the proposed idea and those that are against. You now have the job of formulating an informed article on this subject with both for and against arguments. This will be used as a tool of persuasion that will be read out to government as part of their 'Voice of the Next Generation'. Your article must have a conclusion to it summing up your personal views without using the first person.

To help you get started, you can use the following 'starter sentences'

Dear Mr Johnson and the Conservative government.

It has come to the attention of many that your proposals for using religious places of worship for public services has angered those that practice their religion....

Lockdown has made society adjust their way of life in so many ways. While celebrating Eid or Easter with overseas relatives via Skype was a novelty before lockdown, during, it has become essential for families within the same city.

Services over Zoom have become a lifeline for those in self isolation, their only communication with the outside world when they would normally be congregating in a church or mosque.....

Breaking fast over Skype. Celebrating the rising of Jesus over Zoom.

The call to prayer now being the call to pray at home.

Welcome to religion during a pandemic.

Welcome to religious life of the 21st Century....

Easter in your pj's, Eid in your slippers.

Could this be the new way of practicing your religion? If Boris Johnson's plans go through, the pandemic way of life could be here to stay.....

PEACE

Point - What is the point you are making?

Evidence - What is your evidence? Example? Fact?

Analyse - What is your evidence? Example? Fact?

Context - Is your evidence bias? How can it be misinterpreted? Are there other meanings for it?

Evaluate - What does all this mean? Link it back to your point

Example of PEACE when making an impartial argument.

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The evidence that they may use is Matthew 18:20 *“For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.”* This means that whenever people gather to worship God, their faith will be strengthened as they will be together to create a better community.

This could be misinterpreted to mean that they don't need to worship in a church, just be gathered together.

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This should be done for every point made.

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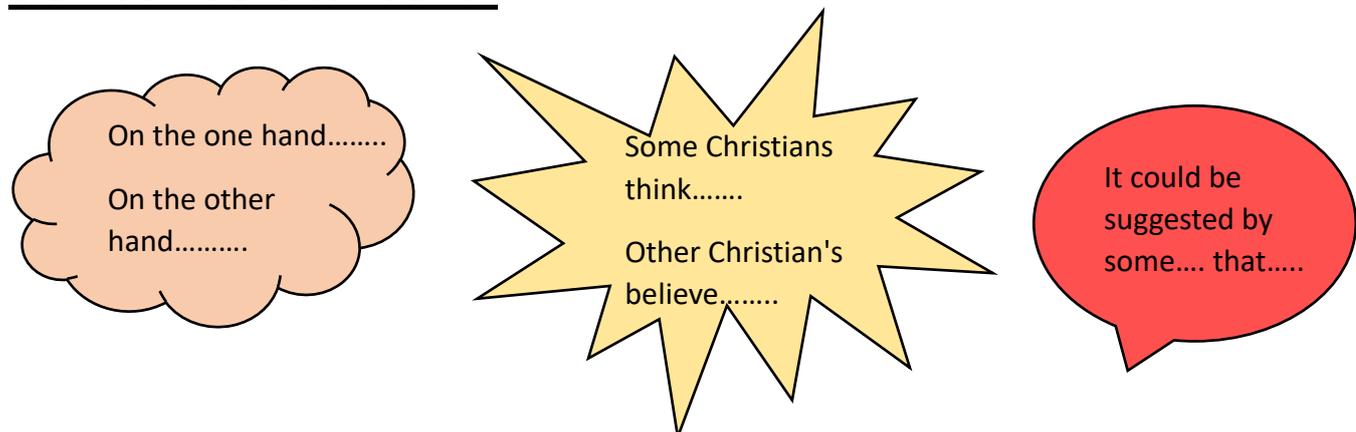
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Sentence Starters:



Looking/judging this by evidence it would suggest.....

A counter argument to this would be.....

It could be argued that.....

The main arguments are.....

Some Muslims believe.....

Other Muslims believe.....

This evidence suggests.....

Conclusion sentence starters:

Christians / Muslims would conclude that.....

Considering all the evidence it could be said that...

It can be concluded that....

Considering all the arguments....

Having analysed the evidence (and/or) arguments....

Religious people would conclude that....