

Reflecting on Life and Legacy: A Personal Writing Frame

Learning objective: To explore and articulate different perspectives on life after death and the concept of legacy, in line with Year 4 Religious Education expectations.

Use this scaffold to structure your thoughts about what different people believe happens after life ends, and how we can leave a positive mark on the world. Use the word bank to help connect your ideas.

When we think about the journey of life, many people wonder what happens when it comes to an end, leading to many different beliefs and stories.

Word bank: significantly · furthermore · in contrast · from this perspective · legacy · memory · tradition · eternity · belief · contribution

1. Introduction: What are some of the different ways that people think about life after death? Start by saying: People hold many diverse beliefs about what happens after death, for example... (2 marks)

2. Beliefs and Traditions: How do religious or non-religious traditions help people feel comforted? Start by saying: For many, traditions and rituals provide comfort because... (3 marks)

3. The Concept of Legacy: How can someone continue to be remembered even after they are gone? Start by saying: A person's legacy can live on through... (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: Why is it important to live a good life today, regardless of what we believe happens later? Start by saying: I believe that living well is important because... (3 marks)

5. Comparison: Compare and contrast two different views on the afterlife. How are they similar or different? Start by saying: While one perspective suggests..., an alternative view claims... (4 marks)

6. Justification: Justify why stories and memories are often considered a powerful way to 'keep someone alive'. Start by saying: Stories are powerful because... (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a future generation about your own 'legacy'. What three values or actions would you want people to remember you for, and why would these have a positive impact on the world? Explain your reasoning in detail.