

Reflecting on Life and Legacy: A Journey with Leo

Learning objective: To understand and reflect upon different religious and non-religious perspectives regarding life after death, legacy, and the concept of a soul.

Leo the Lion is writing a poem about the cycle of life and the different ways people find comfort when thinking about the future. Read the statements below. Decide if the concept relates to a physical legacy (things we leave behind), a spiritual belief (ideas about the soul or afterlife), or both. Place a tick in the correct column for each, then use the 'Deep Thinker' questions to explore these complex ideas further.

Word bank: Legacy · Spirituality · Afterlife · Soul · Memory · Reincarnation · Heaven · Belief

1. 'A person's kindness is remembered by their friends forever.' Is this a physical legacy or a spiritual belief? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

2. Many religions believe in an afterlife. Compare and contrast the idea of a 'soul' with the idea of a 'physical legacy'. (2 marks)

3. Some people believe that life continues in a new form. Justify why this belief might bring comfort to someone who is grieving. (2 marks)

4. Explain why different religions have different views on what happens after death. How does culture influence these ideas? (2 marks)

5. What might happen if a society did not have any beliefs about life after death? How would this change the way people live their daily lives? (2 marks)

6. 6. Leo the Lion says, 'We live on through the love we share.' Do you agree that this is a form of 'life after death'? Justify your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Tree of Life'. On the roots, draw things that represent a person's physical legacy (like books written, trees planted, or acts of kindness). In the branches and sky, draw symbols that represent spiritual beliefs or the idea of an afterlife.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem, inspired by Leo, about the importance of living a life that leaves a positive 'footprint' on the world, regardless of what one believes happens after death.