

Religious Education Assessment: Perspectives on Life After Death

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of diverse religious and non-religious beliefs regarding life after death.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Use the provided word bank to support your explanations.

Different people hold various perspectives about what happens after a person dies. Some religions teach that a person's soul continues to exist in a spiritual realm or a place of peace. Others believe in a cycle of rebirth, where a person returns to the world in a new form. Some people focus on the legacy someone leaves behind through their actions and the memories they create, rather than a spiritual continuation. These ideas help people find comfort, meaning, and a reason to live a good life while they are here.

Word bank: Afterlife · Reincarnation · Heaven · Soul · Legacy · Resurrection · Belief · Spirit · Cycle

1. Define the term 'soul' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. Explain the difference between the belief in 'Heaven' and the belief in 'Reincarnation'. (4 marks)

3. Why might a belief in an afterlife provide comfort to someone who is grieving? Use an example to support your answer. (4 marks)

4. Nova the owl wonders: 'If someone does not believe in an afterlife, how can they still live a meaningful life?' Justify your answer. (5 marks)

5. Compare and contrast a religious view of death with a non-religious view. What is similar about how both views treat the memory of a loved one? (5 marks)

6. Max the monkey asks: 'What might happen if everyone in the world believed in the exact same version of the afterlife?' Explain the potential impact on human behaviour. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol or an image that represents 'legacy'. Think about how a person's kindness or work can continue to live on after they have gone.



Extension challenge: Write a short, thoughtful poem about the concept of 'memory' as a bridge between the past and the future. Total: /25