Exploring Beliefs: Life After Death

Learning objective: To understand that different religions and worldviews have diverse beliefs about what happens after death.

Read the questions carefully and answer based on the different perspectives studied in class. Use the word bank to help you.

Answer Key: 1. A (Afterlife), 2. True, 3. False, 4. Reincarnation, 5. C (A place of peace), 6. True, 7. Soul, 8. B (The cycle of rebirth), 9. False, 10. True. Note: These questions explore different cultural and religious perspectives including Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, and secular views.

Word bank: Reincarnation · Heaven · Afterlife · Soul · Cycle · Ancestors · Nirvana

1. 1. What is the general term for the belief in existence after a person dies? A) Afterlife*, B) Rebirth, C) The Beginning, D) The End (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Many Christians believe in the concept of Heaven as a place of being with God after death. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Every single person in the world shares the exact same belief about what happens after we die. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the term for the Hindu and Buddhist belief that a person is born again in a new body? (1 word) (1 mark)

5. 5. In Buddhism, what is the ultimate goal of escaping the cycle of rebirth? A) To become famous, B) To live forever on Earth, C) Nirvana, D) To sleep (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Some people believe that after death, our legacy and the memories others have of us are how we 'live on'. (1 mark)

7. 7. Many religions believe that the part of a human that continues after the body dies is called the _____. (1 word) (1 mark)

8. 8. What does the 'Samsara' cycle represent in Eastern religions? A) A water sport, B) The cycle of birth, life, death, and rebirth*, C) A type of ancient dance, D) A calculation in maths (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Everyone who does not follow a religion believes there is a physical place called Heaven. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Respecting other people's beliefs about life and death is an important part of living in a diverse society. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a symbolic representation of a 'cycle' or a peaceful garden that represents how different people might imagine a place of rest or new beginnings.

Extension challenge: Nova the owl is curious! Write a short paragraph explaining why it is important for people to be respectful when talking about different beliefs regarding life after death, even if they disagree.