

Religious Education Assessment: Perspectives on Life After Death

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of diverse beliefs regarding the afterlife and how these influence human behaviour in the present.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where requested. Ensure your explanations are clear and respectful of different worldviews.

Different religions and philosophies hold unique views about what happens to a person after they die. Some traditions believe in the idea of the soul living on in a new place or a new body. Others focus on how a person's actions during their life create a legacy that impacts the world long after they have gone. Understanding these perspectives helps us appreciate how different people find meaning and purpose in their daily lives.

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

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

2. Name two different religious or philosophical beliefs about what happens after death. (2 marks)

3. Explain how a belief in 'karma' might influence the way someone behaves while they are still alive. (3 marks)

4. Nova the Owl wonders why people might find comfort in the idea of life after death. Explain two reasons why this belief can be helpful to someone who is grieving. (4 marks)

5. Compare the concept of 'resurrection' with the concept of 'reincarnation'. How are they similar and how are they different? (4 marks)

6. Max the Monkey believes that even if we don't know for sure what happens after death, our actions today are what matter most. Write a short paragraph explaining why 'leaving a positive legacy' is considered important by many people, regardless of their religious beliefs. (5 marks)

7. Give one example of a ritual or tradition that people use to remember those who have passed away. (2 marks)

8. Why is it important to show respect when discussing someone else's beliefs about life after death? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol or an object that represents 'remembrance' or 'hope' to you. Label your drawing with one sentence explaining why you chose it.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Think about how different cultures celebrate the lives of ancestors. Research one festival, such as Dia de los Muertos or Pitru Paksha, and write three facts about how they remember their loved ones.