

Exploring Beliefs: Life After Death

Learning objective: To understand and compare different religious and non-religious perspectives on what happens after death.

In this activity, you will act like Nova the owl, investigating how different people find comfort and meaning when thinking about the end of life. Use your RE books or class resources to research how different worldviews (such as Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, or Humanism) describe the afterlife. Fill in the boxes below to show what you have discovered.

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

1. The Concept of the Soul: Explain how a specific religion or belief system views the 'soul' or 'self' after death. (2 marks)

2. Religious Perspectives: Describe one religious belief about where a person goes after they die (e.g., Heaven, Paradise, or a state of rebirth). (3 marks)

3. Non-Religious Perspectives: How might someone who does not follow a religion think about life after death? Consider ideas like memory or legacy. (2 marks)

4. Comparing Ideas: What is one similarity between the different beliefs you have researched today? (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why do you think it is important for humans to think about and discuss these big questions? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one of the beliefs you researched and create a symbol or a piece of art that represents that group's view on the afterlife. Explain why you chose those specific colours and shapes.