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| Image result for what is a religion**What is a religion? Homework Grid** | **OPTIONAL!**You can choose to complete enrichment tasks from this homework grid at *any* point in the year. House points will be awarded for this extra effort.  | **Assessment preparation:*** Do you know at least two definitions of religion?
* Can you name at least 5 features of religion?
* Can you give specific examples of each feature from modern religious practices?
* Can you describe at least 3 things that Pastafarians believe?
* Can you explain how Pastafarians show these beliefs?
* Can you give reasons for your opinion on whether Pastafarianism counts as a religion?
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| **1) Will people in the future think Harry Potter was a religion?** Read this article: <https://goo.gl/xt2qgs>. You could also do some research of your own into this issue. Then complete a table with two columns – “Reasons to say yes” and “Reasons to say no”. Finish by giving a bullet point explanation of your own opinion.  | **2) What are the ‘threads’ of religion?**By our 3rd lesson, you should know about Wittgenstein’s rope analogy. Draw your own ‘rope’ of religion, showing the different features/ characteristics that make up ‘religion’.  |
| **3) How do different people define religion?**Do a Google Video search using the term ‘what is religion?’ Select 3 videos to watch and compare. Write 150-200 words about your favourite, explaining the argument/information it gave, why you found it interesting, and why you trust (or don’t!) the source.  | **4) What features of religion does Pastafarianism have?** Visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flying\_Spaghetti\_Monster and create a mindmap describing this so-called religion’s history, beliefs and practices. *NB Due to the potentially controversial nature of this research topic, parents and carers might wish to supervise students during this research task.*  |
| **Aiming for EX? Try a Challenge Task!**These give you extra practice in putting together a strong argument. Make sure you consider both sides of the debate (*on the other hand)*, give specific evidence/examples to support your points *(for example, take the case of, this means, this shows, this proves)*, and use counter-arguments to show strengths and weaknesses *(but, in spite of, however, despite)*. You could present this as a written essay, as an illustrated Powerpoint, a speech, even a video. |
| **“Buddhists don’t always believe in God. Therefore Buddhism can’t be called a religion.”**How far do you agree? | **“In the modern world, being religious is less about taking part in rituals and more about the way you treat others.”**How far do you agree? |
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