

# Scheme of Learning: MORAL ISSUES IN SOCIETY

## Topic Sequence:

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RELIGION AND CONFLICT	RELIGION AND EQUALITY	MORAL ISSUES IN SOCIETY					

## Topic Overview:

Having studied how religious beliefs have influenced society in terms of the treatment of different groups and their moral/immoral outcomes in terms of racism, sexism and wealth inequality we continue the study of how religious beliefs influence other forms of moral behaviour in society. We begin with an introduction to the concept of morality and then move on to the concept of punishment as a method of enforcing morality in society. On these foundations we then move on to lessons on specific moral issues in the modern world, including Capital Punishment, War, Animal Rights and Human Rights. A significant proportion of the KS3 and KS4 RS curriculums focus on Human Rights and Equality so these lessons are essential for the continued study of RS but also essential knowledge for pupils to have about the world they live in today.

## Lesson Sequence:

The lessons have been sequenced to introduce the concepts of morality and punishment to enforce morality, then moving on to specific moral issues in society which are examined by focusing on historical and contemporary examples and evidence and then studying some of the religious teachings/examples as well as non-religious eg Humanist beliefs/examples that people use to make their moral decisions about these issues.

Capital punishment is studied by examining the current legal status of the death penalty in various countries today, as well as the religious/non-religious arguments for/against including some of the cases of miscarriage of justice, eg Derek Bentley, that contributed to the abolition of the death penalty in the UK.

War is studied by examining real-life examples of wars from the past and present as well as religious/non-religious arguments for/against war including Just War Theory and Pacifism.

Human Rights are studied by examining the UN Declaration of Human Rights as well as religious teachings that could promote Human Rights, focusing on particular Human Rights to extend pupil knowledge and understanding of the issues relating to Human Rights in the world today, for example Modern Slavery in the UK and abroad.

## Sequence of Lessons:

1	What is Morality?
2	Morality – The purposes of punishment
3	Morality – Capital Punishment
4	Morality - War
5	Morality – Animal Rights
6	Morality – Milgram Obedience Experiment
7	Morality – Human Rights
8	Morality – Modern Slavery
9	Revision
10	Assessment
11	Assessment Feedback/Response
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## Topic Resources:

<b>Knowledge Map:</b>	Moral Issues in Society	<b>Any other Resources:</b>	None
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## Assessment:

<b>Knowledge:</b>	20 question knowledge test
<b>Application of Knowledge:</b>	Exam question 'It is never right to take a life' Discuss. (15 marks)

## Supportive Reading:

<b>Diary of Anne Frank</b>	Life in wartime
<b>Watership Down: Richard Adams</b>	Animal Rights and Morality