

Overall Aims:

1. To explore the human need to examine and to identify the great questions.
2. To explore some of the ancient and contemporary answers to the great questions.
3. To identify and recognise the great questions of life and find value in other people's search in life.
4. To examine and encourage the students to look at their own lives and what they mean to them.

Lesson Objectives:

LESSON 1

This lesson will introduce some of the questions people ask when searching for meaning in life and will explore two examples of the search for meaning in ancient times.

LESSON 2

This lesson will reflect on the importance of music in the search for meaning.

TEACHER TIPS FOR THIS LESSON:

- » Introduce the lesson by playing one of the music videos listed for this chapter.
- » You will need a set of Bibles to complete worksheet 1. Alternatively, students may have access to a website where they can read from the Book of Psalms (For example: www.biblegateway.com)
- » Before completing worksheet 2, invite the students to choose three songs they like and ask them to bring a copy of the lyrics of each to the class.

LESSON 3

This lesson will look at the great questions explored in cinema and examine a film that addresses a search for meaning.

LESSON 4

This lesson will look at how literature can help us reflect on the great questions of life.

LESSON 5

This lesson will explore the importance of art through the ages and will examine two famous pieces of art which reflect on the meaning of life.

LESSON 6

This lesson will look at how people sometimes avoid and can be indifferent to the search for meaning.

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LESSON 7

This lesson will explore what faith means and how it can give meaning to life, and will outline the key beliefs of Christianity.

LESSON 8

This lesson will investigate the meaning of suffering and evil as understood from a religious perspective.

LESSON 9

This lesson will investigate some perspectives on one's approach to life and will discuss finding meaning in life and death.

LESSON 10

This lesson will introduce the origins of philosophy and the key people involved in developing philosophical thought.

LESSON 11

This lesson will introduce the philosopher Plato and examine his influence on learning.

LESSON 12

This lesson will look at Plato's major philosophical theories and his Allegory of the Cave.

LESSON 13

This lesson will compare Plato's Allegory of the Cave with the film *The Matrix*.

LESSON 14

This lesson will look at the philosophical trends that happened after the Greeks.