

KS2 - What is Humanism?



This term we are going to meet Taryn and her family, who are Humanists. We are going to find out about how being a Humanist affects their decisions and choices in life.

Humanism isn't a religion, but a way of thinking and living. Humanists do not believe in God or gods. They believe that this is our only life, so it is very important to live a worthwhile, happy life for ourselves and others.



Hi! My name is Jayden, and I am in year 2. This is my Dad Toben.

Hi! My name is Taryn, and I am in year 5. This is my Mum Sarah and my baby sister Thandi.

Week 1 - Learning question: What is Humanism?

What questions do you have about this week's learning question? Add your thoughts and questions to the thought bubble.



What is Humanism?



Read this quote from Stephen Fry, who is a Humanist.

‘A humanist is someone who will never tell you what to believe. We will never tell you what is absolutely true. We will never make claims that cannot be proven and that you cannot find out for yourself. We believe life is an adventure and that nobody knows the answers or the destination.’

Stephen Fry, Patron of Humanists UK



What things do you think are important to Humanists? Underline any words in the quote, which help you with your answer



These statements are our beliefs as Humanists.
Read them carefully.



- We believe science provides the best way to understand the world.
We do not believe there is a god or believe we cannot know if there is a god.
- We do not believe in an afterlife, and therefore believe we should make the most of the one life we know we have, and respect different people’s choices and ways of life.
- We believe we should use reason and empathy when deciding how to behave.
- We value humanity and celebrate human achievements.
(scientific, artistic, social)



What questions do you have about these beliefs and values?

