



Ethics & Culture

Year 9

Belief and Opinions

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Dear Year 9

Here is your Ethics and Culture Home Learning Booklet. Included are questions that mean you have to use your own opinion, and also to imagine what other people may think, or believe.

Please attempt all questions, come and see me if you get stuck or you don't understand something.

Miss Flower

Task 1) Believing in God

Answer the following questions as comprehensively as you can.

i) Name 3 reasons why some people *do* believe in God.

ii) Name 3 reasons why some people *do not* believe in God.

2B) You must put the correct keyword in the box next to its meaning. All the words are at the bottom of the page to help you.

- The belief that, after death, the body stays in the grave until the end of the world when it is raised.
- When someone about to die has an out of body experience.
- Ending life painlessly when someone in great pain asks for death.
- Unexplained things which are thought to have spiritual causes, e.g. ghosts, mediums.
- The painless killing of someone dying from a painful disease.
- The belief that life is holy and belongs to God.
- Providing a seriously ill person with the means to commit suicide.
- The idea that life must have some benefits for it to be worth living.
- Ending someone's life painlessly when they are unable to ask, but you have good reason for thinking they would want you to do so.
- The removal of a foetus from the womb before it can survive.
- The idea that the soul lives on after the death of the body.
- The belief that, after death, souls are reborn in a new body.

Abortion	Quality of Life	Euthanasia	Resurrection
	Non-Voluntary Euthanasia	Sanctity of Life	Reincarnation
Paranormal	Voluntary Euthanasia	Assisted Suicide	
	Near-Death Experience	Immortality of the Soul	

Task 3

Read each of the following points that could be used to answer a question about abortion.

Decide which of these points are FACT and which are OPINION. Write FACT or OPINION next to each one.

'I think every woman should be able to make a decision about abortion for herself.'

'Roman Catholics do not allow abortion.'

'Muslims believe Allah breathes a soul into a foetus at 120 days.'

'I am against abortion because I think it is murder.'

'One of the Ten Commandments says you must not commit murder.'

'I am completely against abortion because a foetus is a human being from conception.'

'Pro-life means that a foetus is a life from the moment of conception and it has a right to life.'

'Only Allah chooses when to end a life.'

'I think the father has as much right to decide about an abortion as the mother.'

'Doctors are trained to save lives and not to kill people.'

Use the space below to write your own opinion about abortion (giving reasons).

'I think abortion is _____

Task 4 – Just a Minute

Choose one of the following statements –

‘Abortion is always wrong’

‘Euthanasia should be legal in the UK’ (look it up if you don’t know what it means)

‘There is no Life After Death’

‘God is not Real’

Prepare a minute-long speech about your chosen issue

Explain your opinion, arguing respectfully and considerately and if you can, attempt to debate the opposite opinion also.

If you like you can use this space for note taking

