

A-LEVEL

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion

Summer Study Tasks

BRING YOUR WORK TO YOUR FIRST LESSON

Task One: Ethics (20 minutes)

In preparation for September, research who Jeremy Bentham was in order to answer the following questions:

What is Utilitarianism?

What does it aim at achieving?

How did Bentham work out the right thing to do? (7 points)

Why did Bentham get accused of turning people into pigs?

Where is Bentham now?



Utilitarianism crash course philosophy#36 - gives a basic online introduction to Utilitarianism

Task Two: Vocabulary (20 minutes)

In your A level Philosophy, Ethics and Religion course you will use new terminology. These words will soon become part of your everyday vocabulary and the examiner will be able to credit this knowledge. In order to get to grips with this terminology it is worth making your own glossary. You could make flashcards to test your knowledge of the new terms. The exam board has provided a glossary of all key terms and this can be found at <https://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=2602>

As a starter activity define the following terms:

Ethics	Applied ethics	Conscience
Absolute morality	Euthanasia	Nuclear deterrence
Relative morality	Agape	Virtue
Deontological ethics	Polyamorous relationship	Telos

Task Three: Using exam board materials (30 minutes)

A useful resource for your A level study is provided by the examination board. Eduqas Religious Studies <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/as-a-level/> .

Spend some time exploring this website. You will find information about the course, exam papers, mark schemes and exam reports. There is also a teacher share space which has valuable resources on all units of study. Practice is a key part of success at A level, so make sure you are familiar with the types of question that can be asked.