



Subject: Philosophy and Religion Year: 8

Unit: What is Philosophy?	Key Vocabulary	
Topic Overview:		
In this topic, you will step into the shoes of a philosopher to explore life's biggest questions about existence, religion, and human nature. You will investigate famous philosophical arguments for the existence of God, including Paley's argument from design , the argument from first cause , and the argument from morality , while comparing these ideas with scientific concepts like evolution and the Big Bang theory. You will also tackle challenging real-world issues, such as why the presence of evil and suffering creates a dilemma for religious believers, and analyse whether revelation can be considered a reliable source of truth. Throughout the scheme, you will develop your critical thinking and evaluation skills by weighing up different religious and non-religious beliefs, debating diverse points of view, and forming your own well-reasoned arguments.	Philosophy	Intentional
	Cosmological	Premise
	Moral	Secular
	Conscience	Monotheism
	Dilemma	Evolution
	Existence	Revelation

RAG Rating:		Start	End	Teacher
1.	I can define philosophy and explain how famous philosophers and different religious or non-religious beliefs help us understand the world.			
2.	I can explain Paley's argument from design and evaluate how it links to religious beliefs and scientific theories like evolution and the Big Bang.			
3.	I can explain the argument from the first cause and evaluate whether it offers a convincing explanation for the origin of the universe alongside scientific ideas.			
4.	I can analyse two sides of the argument from morality and conscience, considering how moral ideas connect to religious and philosophical thinking.			
5.	I can evaluate why the existence of evil and suffering presents a problem for religious believers and present different viewpoints on this issue.			
6.	I can define revelation and demonstrate my understanding of how religious experiences are interpreted by different people.			
7.	I can apply my knowledge of philosophical arguments, science, and religious perspectives to answer assessment questions accurately.			