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SUMMER TASK

RS AND PHILOSOPHY – Pre-Course Introduction Tasks

Welcome to Philosophy and Religious Studies. To prepare for your learning, we would like you to do the following tasks.

Task One: Introduction to the different papers.

- a. **Philosophy** is the pursuit of knowledge, it seeks to use logic, reason, evidence, and a range of human experiences to make sense of the world.

Watch this clip on an Introduction to Philosophy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKYt3GY

Listen to this introductory clip:

<https://www.spreaker.com/user/12255612/philosophy-podcast-1-%20introduction-why-ph>

- b. **Christianity's** spiritual, moral and intellectual tradition has shaped Western thought. Listen to these two videos which give you a background to the Bible and its 'story', and how to read it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak06MSETeo4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_CGP-12AE0

- c. **Ethics** is the study of moral behaviour. It seeks to understand how we can live moral lives, what we mean when say an action is good. Listen to this introduction to gain an understanding of the range of the discipline.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_t4obUc51A

Task Two: Research a 'thinker'

Choose from one of the names below and see what you can find about the person. Aim to answer the following:

- a. Information about their background (keep this short!)
- b. A theory/idea they are famous for advocating.
- c. A short explanation of what that idea is.
- d. The influence of that idea on later or current thought.

Thinkers to research

Choose one of the following:

Plato

Aristotle

Hypatia

Aquinas

Anselm

Hume

Kant

John Stuart Mill

Sartre

Ludwig Wittgenstein

Ayn Rand

Bertrand Russell

Simone de Beauvoir

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Taking notes:

When researching, try to use the Cornell note-taking sheet. Here is a video explaining how to do it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErSjc1PEGKE>

Subject: _____

Chapter: ____ Section: _____

Topic/Heading:

Recall/Key Words/Questions

Notes:

Summary: