

# A level Sociology Summer Assignment

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All work should be completed and ready for submission in lessons week beginning **9 September**.

## Component 1: Philosophy of Religion



We will be starting with the arguments for the existence of God. Many of these arguments developed from Greek philosophy. Your course does not require you to study the Greek thinkers Plato and Aristotle, but a basic understanding of their key ideas will be essential to making sense of subsequent thinking.

- Research Plato's theory of forms. Create an information page to explain this theory. You should explain the following concepts/key terms: The Allegory of the Cave, empirical, rational.
- Research Aristotle. Create a brief biography of him (5-8 key points). Research his theory of the Four Causes and the Prime Mover. Create an information page to explain this theory.
- Considering what you have learnt about Plato and Aristotle, how do you think the Greek philosophy influenced ideas about God. This should be an extended written piece.

## Component 2: Religious Ethics



For the Ethics component we will begin with a Big Question: Is there is a link between religion and morality.

Please watch the first clip and read the attachment on the second link:

<https://youtu.be/wRHBwxC8b8I>

<http://www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Euthyphro-dilemma.pdf>

Write your thoughts on the following questions:

1. What is morality?
2. Where do you think morality comes from?
3. Why some people are more moral than others are?
4. What motivates us to be moral?
5. Is every moral act completely selfless?
6. Is God good?
7. What is the Euthyphro Dilemma? Give a brief summary. Does this answer the question of where goodness comes from?

You should fill two sides of A4 with your responses to these questions.

## Component 3: New Testament



For this element of the course, it is important that you have a basic understanding of the structure and history of the Bible.

- Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boTSa5RBoyc> – The Old Testament in 5 mins. Create an overview of the Old Testament. This could be a storyboard, flowchart or notes. Aim to condense the information as much as possible.
- Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG55ErfdaeY> – Christianity from Judaism to Constantine. Use this to help you explain how, historically, Christianity grew out of its predecessor Judaism. This should be an extended written piece. You should aim to write around a side of A4 minimum.