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Big Ideas	What does it mean to be human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?

Three Key Questions

What are Plato's views on virtue and happiness according to The Republic?	What are theological and philosophical understandings of right and wrong?	How do humanists use empathy and reason when making moral decisions?

Vocabulary	
Purpose	The reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.
Happiness	The state of being happy.
Soul	The spiritual or immaterial part of a human being or animal regarded as immortal.
Humanist	A follower of the principles of Humanism.
Christian	A person who has received baptism or believes in the faith of Christianity.
Freedom	The power or right to think, feel and act as one wants.

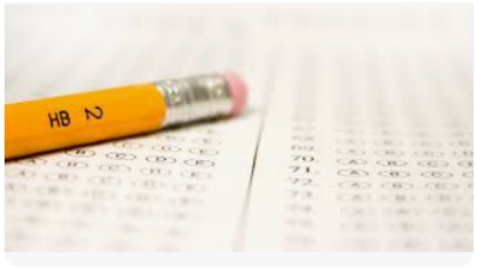
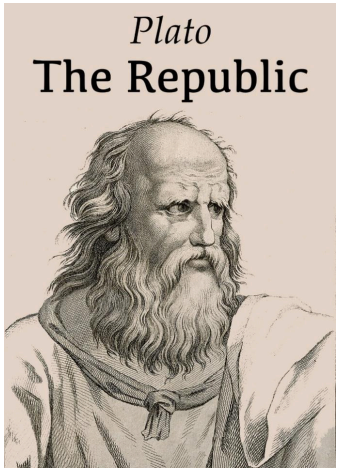
Essential outcomes

The Humanist's Ten Commitments

- You will begin to analyse and evaluate a range of philosophical answers to questions about the world around you, including questions relating to meaning and existence

Christian Beatitudes

		• You will begin to analyse and evaluate different ways in which philosophers understand humanness incorporating what it means to live a 'good' life. • You will use well-chosen pieces of evidence to support and counter a particular argument.	

We Are Learning To…				
…explore different beliefs about what causes and affects happiness.	…examine a philosophical ideology of happiness.	…compare humanist and Christian beliefs about the meaning and purpose of life.	…assess contrasting beliefs and use evidence to support and counter an argument	
Fascinating Facts	• Plato lived in Ancient Greece. • He saw his imperfect world and thought of ways to make it better. Plato wrote about Utopia - an imaginary place where society and governments are perfect. His philosophy has influenced world leaders for over two thousand years. • Plato believed that Governments should raise all children so that everyone would have equal opportunities. • Schools would test children on a regular basis. Children who did poorly would be sent to work while those who did well would continue their studies.  **Utopia**