

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser  
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How is peace important to all religions?

**Substantive Knowledge - Peace is a period of time when there is no war or disturbance. Martin Luther King was a lead Civil Rights campaigner in the U.S.A. Ghandi was a Hindu Civil Rights campaigner in India. As-salaam means, 'peace be with you,' in Islam. Humanists do not believe in a God but in the ability of human beings**

**What is the meaning of peace?**

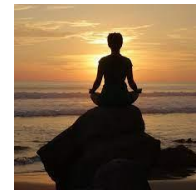
Secular peace - freedom for all members of society regardless of their beliefs.

Spiritual peace - an inner state of well being and calm.

It can also be a period of time when there is no war or disturbance.



Peace symbol



**What is the meaning of 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'?**

Children of God are peacemakers. They help bring people to God and they do their best to get along with everyone. Peacemakers try to stop people fighting and Christians believe that when you go to make peace, Jesus will go with you. Jesus taught this message because when you make peace, you reflect the likeness of God.



Jesus giving his peace.

**Peaceful resolutions to conflicts.**

The Good Friday Agreement was signed on April 10, 1998. It was an accord (agreement) between representatives of Ireland and the British government of Northern Ireland. The Good Friday Agreement brought an end to the period known as the Troubles in Northern Ireland.



Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern sign the Belfast Agreement.

International Law - The body of rules and customs by which sovereign states are guided in their relations with each other is called international law. It is based only on mutual consent of sovereign states, and it is effective either because the nations of the world recognize that it is to their best interests to accept it or because stronger nations are able to force their point of view upon weaker ones.



United Nations

## Why do we use the restorative approach at Greenacres?

Restorative approaches can change the emotional atmosphere in a school and lead to more positive relationships between pupils and between pupils and staff.



## Why do Christian places of worship promote peace?

The idea in the Bible is that peace with God will lead to peace with other human beings. Peace means much more than simply not being at war. At the heart of the Christian message is the belief that the life and death of Jesus gives people peace with God and peace within themselves.



## Martin Luther King



Dr Martin Luther King Jr. wanted people to be treated equally whatever the colour of their skin. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave powerful speeches and led peaceful protests.

He gave a famous speech to lots of people in Washington in 1963. In it, he said he had a dream that life for his children could be different from how it had been for him. During his life, he was arrested and sent to prison 29 times. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. never gave up the fight for equal rights, and made a real difference.

## Gandhi



Gandhi wanted India to rule itself.

In the 1930s Gandhi led a famous protest called the Salt March. Afterwards, he was arrested.

Some people think that they should fight if they feel something is unfair. Gandhi didn't believe in fighting.

He showed his peaceful actions could work.

## Significance of ahimsa

Ahimsa more commonly pronounced as ahinsa, is the practice of non-violence and compassion towards any living being. Gandhi said 'Ahimsa means not injuring any living being whether by body or mind. I may not, therefore, hurt the person of any wrong-doer or bear any ill-will to him and so cause him mental suffering'.

## What is the significance of peace pagodas?



Peace Pagodas are designed to provide a focus for people of all races and creeds to help unite them in their search for world peace.

**As-salaam** is a greeting used in Islam which means 'Peace be with you'.

A peace pagoda.

## What is the significance of the Peace Garden in the Imperial War Museum?

The design is loosely based on a Dharma Wheel and has, as a centerpiece, a Kalachakra Mandala carved in black limestone. Outside the Dharma Wheel are four sculptures to represent gateways for the elements of earth, water, air and fire. The garden includes a stone wall with carvings that consist of the word 'Peace'. In front of the wall are 50,000 pebbles each representing 10 British and Commonwealth lives lost during WW2. The trees include an oak and 2 cypresses symbolising remembrance and white rose bushes named 'Remember'.

## What is a Humanist?

Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion. They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are. Humanists believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife. As a result they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. They also believe they have a duty to support others.

### Portable knowledge - What we need to know.

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### Core Vocabulary

**Peace** - a time of no war or disturbance

**Conflict** - a serious disagreement or argument, fighting

**Injustice** - lack of fairness or justice

**Ahimsa** - respect of all living things and avoidance of violence