

LIFE STUDIES - SCHEMES OF WORK

For Children Aged 8 to 12

Life Studies Lessons Structure

Time – Approx. 60 minutes

1. Remind class of last topic area explored and relate to current topic.
2. Discuss and explore with concrete and abstract examples new topic.
3. Group Work – Set small groups an area to explore.
4. Practical Application – discuss how topic area is applied in every life.
5. Making Connections – discuss and explore connections between topic and other topic areas and subjects.
6. Media – use video clips and programmes and/or computer programmes and websites where appropriate.
7. Plenary

Resources

1. Books
2. Games
3. Internet
4. Newspapers & Magazines
5. Apple Mac
6. DVD Videos and Clips

Life Studies Subject Areas

1. Personal
2. Social
3. Political
4. Religious

YEAR 4

Autumn Term

1. PERSONAL

1. The Individual

- a. The Self
- b. Growth & Change
- c. Learning Through Mistakes

2. The Individual & The Group

- a. Self Responsibility
- b. Social Responsibility

Spring Term

3. Relationships

- a. Family
 - i. Parents
 - ii. Siblings

Summer Term

2. SOCIAL

4. Gender

- a. Similarities & Differences Between Male & Female

5. Tolerance & Intolerance

- a. Cultural Similarities & Differences
- b. Search for Meaning & Purpose

YEAR 5

Autumn Term

1. PERSONAL

6. The Individual

- a. Cultural Self
- b. Know Thy Self
- c. Perception

7. The Individual & The Group

- a. Moral Responsibility

Spring Term

8. Relationships

- a. Friends
- b. Acquaintances
- c. Strangers

Summer Term

2. SOCIAL

9. Tolerance & Intolerance

- a. Racial Similarities & Differences
- b. Racism

10. Human Animals

- a. Human Behaviour
- b. Animal Behaviour

YEAR 6

Autumn Term

1. PERSONAL

- 11. The Individual
 - a. Journeys of the Mind
 - b. Emotions

- 12. The Individual & The Group
 - a. Moral Dilemmas
 - b. Moral Responsibility

2. SOCIAL

- 13. Gender
 - a. Similarities & Differences Between Male & Female
 - b. History of Inequality
 - c. Feminism

- 14. Tolerance & Intolerance
 - a. Sexual Similarities & Differences
 - b. Sexism
 - c. Generational Similarities & Differences
 - d. Ageism

- 15. Human Animals
 - a. Human Rights
 - b. Animal Rights

Spring Term

- 16. Institutions
 - a. Law
 - i. Crime & Punishment
 - ii. Causes of Crime

- iii. Effects of Crime
- b. Welfare State
 - i. Health Service
 - ii. Safety Net

3. POLITICAL

17. Political Spectrum

- a. Left Wing
- b. Right Wing
- c. Centre Politics
- d. Political Parties

Summer Term

18. Systems of Government

- a. Democracy
- b. Elections
 - i. UK General Election
 - ii. US Election
 - iii. Other Elections
- c. Dictatorship
 - i. Military Dictatorships
 - ii. Communism
 - iii. Fascism
 - iv. Cult of the Personality
- d. Oligarchy
- e. Monarchy

4. RELIGIOUS

19. Atheism & Agnosticism

- a. Defining Atheism
- b. History of Atheism
- c. Agnosticism
- d. Moral or Amoral Universe
 - i. Ethical Atheism
 - ii. Humanism
 - iii. Meaning in a Godless Universe
 - iv. Purpose in a Godless Universe
- e. Empiricism

- i. Search for Truth
- ii. Rejection of Metaphysics
- iii. Science versus Religion

YEAR 7

Autumn Term

1. PERSONAL

20. The Individual

- a. Where Have We Come From? Who Are We? Where Are We Going?

21. The Individual & The Group

- a. Self Responsibility
- b. Social Responsibility
- c. Moral Dilemmas
- d. Moral Responsibility

22. Relationships

- a. Family
 - iii. Parents
 - iv. Siblings

2. SOCIAL

23. Tolerance & Intolerance

- a. Nationalism & Jingoism
- b. Religious Similarities & Differences
- c. Fundamentalism

Spring Term

24. The Media

- a. Main Types of Media

- i. Newspapers
- ii. Television
- iii. Internet
- b. Power of the Media
 - i. Influence of the Media
 - ii. Propaganda & Manipulation in the Media
 - iii. Search for Truth
 - iv. Who Controls the Media Agenda?
 - v. Objective or Subjective News?
 - vi. Journalists & Bloggers
 - vii. Cult of the Celebrity

25. Institutions

- a. Welfare State
 - i. Health Service
 - ii. Safety Net
- b. Education
 - i. State Education
 - ii. Private Education
 - iii. Alternative Education

Summer Term

4. RELIGIOUS

26. Judaism, Christianity & Islam

- a. Relationship between Judaism, Christianity & Islam
- b. Judaism
- c. Original Sin
- d. Heaven & Hell
- e. The Old Testament
- f. The New Testament
- g. Life of Jesus Christ
- h. Parables of Jesus Christ
- i. Comparing the 'Gods' of the two Testaments
- j. Christianity
- k. Anti-Semitism
- l. Catholicism
- m. Christian Heresies
- n. Islam
- o. The Koran
- p. The Crusades & Inquisitions
- q. Protestantism
- r. Comparing Catholicism with Protestantism
- s. Church of England

- t. Loss of Faith
- u. Re-emergence of Faith – Evangelism

27. Eastern Religions

- a. Buddhism
 - i. Buddha's Awakening - The Middle Way
 - ii. Meditation
 - iii. Karma
 - iv. Nirvana
- b. Hinduism
- c. Confucianism

28. Modern Spirituality

- a. New Age Spirituality
- b. Mixing Religions
- c. Scientific Spirituality
- d. The New Age Industry
- e. Search for Meaning & Purpose