

# Humanism Year 3

## How do Humanists decide what to believe? Why don't Humanists believe in a god or gods?

### RE Skills to develop

I can discuss what Humanists believe and how they decide.

I can explain atheism and agnosticism and why Humanists don't believe in a god or gods.

I can reflect on my own values and beliefs and compare them to the views of Humanists.

I can describe Humanism connecting my ideas and prior learning.

### Our Enquiry Steps:

- What is Humanism?
- What do Humanists believe?
- Are there any beliefs a Humanist must sign up to?
- How are humanist beliefs and values similar to or different from religious beliefs?
- What might be a Humanist's perspective be on...?
- Why don't Humanists believe in a god or gods?
- Can you be an atheist or an agnostic and still be happy?
- Does it matter whether we believe in a god or not?

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Humanist	Someone who believes in the Humanism worldview.
science	The careful study of the structure and behaviour of the physical world, especially by watching, measuring, and doing experiments, and the development of theories.
evolution	The process by which different kinds of living organisms are believed to have developed from earlier forms during history.
atheism	A disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods.
agnosticism	The view that nothing is known or can be known of the existence or nature of a god.

### Key Artefacts and Symbols

The Humanist symbol is called the Happy Human. It was designed by Dennis Barrington who won a competition organised by the BHA in 1965. The symbol was chosen as the design was simple. The symbol shows a human, but it could have been either a male or female. Within a few years, this symbol became the international symbol of Humanism. The symbol is still used, in a range of adapted forms, in the present day.



### Our End Points:

**Emerging:** I can talk about what Humanists value.

**Expected:** I can explain how Humanists decide what to believe and why they don't believe in a god or gods.

**Exceeding:** I can explain how Humanists decide what to believe and why they don't believe in a god or gods and compare this to religions I have studied.