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GCSE RE Homework booklet
Thematic Studies
Theme D- Religion, Peace
and Conflict

Introduction to religion peace and conflict

War	
	An absence of conflict, which leads to happiness and harmony.
	Bringing about what is right and fair, according to the law or making up for a wrong that has been committed
Forgiveness	
Reconciliation	

Look at the image of the cross from Taize, which represents Christians reconciliation. How would you represent Christian reconciliation? Create a design or symbol that you think achieves this.



Write one piece of scripture that links to Peace and another for Reconciliation

Peace:

Reconciliation:

Reasons for war

Exam Question

'There is never a good reason for a country to go to war'

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

Fill in the sheet which break downs the 12 mark question.

Reasons to **support** this statement:

Point 1 -

Point 2 -

Reasons **against** this statement:

Point 1-

Point 2 -

Overall, I think...

Religious teaching to support:

Religious teaching to support:

Nuclear war and weapons of mass destruction

Research the dropping of the atom bomb on Japan at the end of WWII. Do you think this was justifiable. Why?

Transform the different types of weapons of mass destruction into an image or symbol

Nuclear Weapons

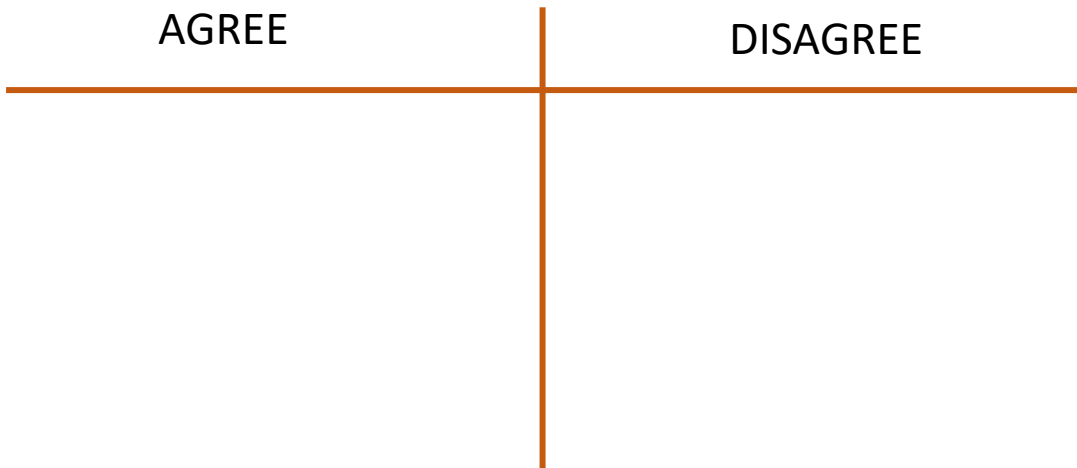
Chemical Weapons

Biological Weapons

Create a table on one side why people **AGREE** with WMD on the other side why people **DISAGREE**

AGREE

DISAGREE



The Just War Theory

Using your knowledge. Complete the paragraph on the Just War Theory.

The idea of a _____ war was developed by St. _____.

It says that war is _____ if it meets the following criteria:

1. It is approved by a legitimate _____ (such as the _____ or the United _____)
2. There must be good reasons for the war such as _____ - _____
3. It must be fought with the aim of establishing _____
4. There must be a _____ chance of _____
5. It must be the _____ resort (so you must try to _____ first)
6. The _____ amount of force needed to win must be used
7. _____ must not be harmed.

nations, last, reasonable, civilians, just, winning, justifiable, government, minimum negotiate, , peace, Thomas Aquinas, authority, self-defence

Research a war and find out the following:

- Name and date:

- Why was the war fought?

- Which criteria from the just war theory does it meet?

- Why does it not meet the other criteria?

Christian response to victims of war

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]"²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

- 1) Highlight all the key quotes and information provided in this text.
- 2) Annotate the scripture for meaning
- 3) Explain two ways this parable might inspire a Christian to help victims of war
