

Knowledge Organiser | Atheism

1	Atheism	Disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of God or gods.	11	Theory of Evolution by Natural Selection	Organisms produce more offspring than are able to survive in their environment. Those that are better physically equipped to survive, grow to maturity, and reproduce.
2	Philosophy	The study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence.	12	Morality	Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behaviour.
3	Scepticism	Doubting the truth of something.	13	Friedrich Nietzsche	German philosopher who argued that we need to create meaning for ourselves in life without religion.
4	Plato	An ancient Greek philosopher.	14	Übermensch (Superman)	The ideal superior person of the future who could rise above conventional Christian morality to create and impose their own values.
5	Plato's Cave	A story which explores the true nature of reality.	15	Militant Atheism	A movement of atheists who campaign against religion due to its irrational beliefs.
6	Empirical Evidence	Evidence for something based on observation or experience.	16	Richard Dawkins	Militant atheist and scientist who campaigns against religion due to its irrational beliefs.
7	Biblical Criticism	The use of critical analysis to understand and explain the Bible.	17	Christopher Hitchens	Militant atheist, author and journalist who campaigned against religion due to its irrational beliefs.
8	The Enlightenment	A period of time in the 17 th and 18 th centuries which emphasised reason and individualism rather than tradition.	18	Humanism	A rationalist outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters.
9	Science	The systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.	19	Trans-humanism	The belief that the human race can evolve through science and technology.
10	Rationalism	The practice or principle of basing opinions and actions on reason and knowledge rather than on religious belief or emotional response.	20	Artificial Intelligence	The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence.