

## **Environment**

The surroundings in which we live.



## **Sacred**

Something that is special and worthy of respect.



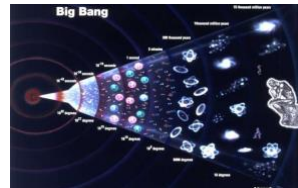
## **Ahimsa**

An ancient Indian principle of non-violence. It is practiced by Hindus and Buddhists.

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Topic 1: Environment

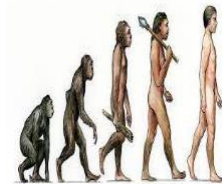
## **Big Bang Theory**

A scientific argument that explains the existence of the universe.



## **Evolution**

Explains how things have changed and adapted over time to suit their environment.



## **Creation**

God's act of bringing the universe into being.



## **Genesis**

The first book in the bible. It contains the creation stories.



## **Dominion**

To have control over the planet.

## **Stewardship**

To look after the world for God.



## Church

A building that is used for Christian worship.



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Topic 2: Worship

## Worship

To show love and admiration to God or Gods.

## Mosque

A building used for Muslim worship.



## Holy Communion

When Christians share bread and wine during a church service to remember the crucifixion of Jesus.



## Hero Worship

To show love and admiration to a person.

## Wudu

When Muslims wash before they pray. This helps them to prepare for prayer and to fully focus on Allah.



## War

A conflict between different countries or groups within a country.



## Just War

A war that is viewed as justifiable or okay as long as it follows certain criteria, e.g., it's a last resort.



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Topic 3: War & Peace

## Pacifism

The belief that all war and violence is wrong and that a dispute should be resolved in a peaceful way.



## Conscientious Objector

A pacifist during times of war. They refuse to fight in the war.

## Dalai Lama

Is the leader of Tibetan Buddhists.



## Reconciliation

To bring two opposing sides together in order to bring about peace.



## Holy War

A war that has a religious goal, e.g., to reclaim holy lands.

## Avenge

To punish somebody who has done harm to another person.

### **Poverty**

To be extremely poor and not have enough for your basic needs.



### **Wealth**

To have a lot of money and possessions.



### **Sewa**

This means 'selfless service' in Sikhism. It means to help others without any reward.

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Topic 4: Poverty & Wealth

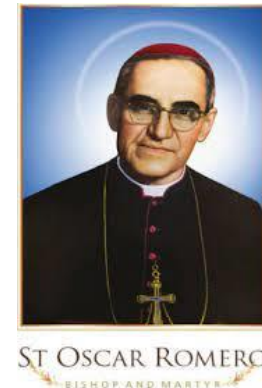
### **Langar**

The kitchen in a Sikh Gurdwara (temple). Sikh's believe food is a basic human right so every day, the Gurdwara will feed people for free. It doesn't matter if you are religious or not, all are welcome.



### **Oscar Romero**

Oscar Romero was the Bishop of El Salvador. He spoke out against the violence of the government against poor people. He was assassinated and has since been made a Saint by the Catholic Church.



### **Liberation Theology**

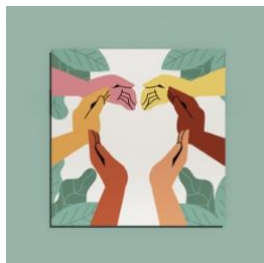
This means to free people from oppression, especially the poor.

## Prejudice

A negative view or opinion about a person / group of people that is not based on reason or actual experience.

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### Topic 5: Prejudice & Discrimination



## Discrimination

To act upon a prejudice by treating people unfairly.

## Racism

Prejudice and discrimination by an individual, community or institution on the basis of race or ethnic group, particularly one that is a minority.



## Segregation

To set people apart from other people, usually based on their race.

## Sexism

Prejudice and discrimination against a person based on their gender.



## Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King was a Christian Minister and American civil Rights activist. He campaigned peacefully against segregation in the USA and for equality and equal rights for African Americans.



## Malala Yousafzai

Is a Muslim woman who, as a child, campaigned for girls to have the right to an education in Pakistan. She continues to campaign for women's and children's rights and is the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.



## Gandhi

Gandhi was a Hindu and the leader of the Indian independence movement. He campaigned peacefully against British rule and for equal rights for all.



## Malcolm X

Was a Muslim and African American who campaigned for equality in the USA.



### **Soul**

The soul is a non-physical part of a human being. Religious followers believe the soul lives on after death.



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#### **Topic 6: Soul & Life After Death**

### **Life after death**

The belief that there is something else after a person has died.



### **Reincarnation**

The belief that once a person dies, their soul is re-born into a new living being. This could be an animal or a person.



### **Hell**

A place of torment where bad people go after they die. It is depicted as being full of flames and the home of the devil.



### **Heaven**

A place of peace where good people go after they die. A state of being with God.