Knowledge organiser term 6: Why do some people believe in God and others don't?

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| evolution | The change of species over time by natural selection |
| theist | Someone who believes in the existence of God or gods. |
| atheist | Someone who doesn't believe in the existence of God |
| agnostic | Someone who believes we can never know if there is a God or not |
| eternal | Existing forever, without end |
| opinion | A view, not necessarily based on fact. |



Questions to consider:

- What presence does God have in the lives of people today?
- Why do so many people believe in God?
- Why do some people not believe in God?
- Why do some people start with faith and then lose it?
- Why do some people start with no religious faith and then convert to faith?
- How might religious beliefs affect people's actions?

Here are some reasons people do or do not believe there is a God:

- Religious upbringing
- Examining the universe and its intricacies
- Peer pressure
- Religious experience
- Faith

Similes and metaphors about God from the bible

Father (Psalm 103:13),

Creator (Genesis 1:1),

Rock (Deuteronomy 32:3-4),

Shepherd (Psalm 32),

Fortress (2 Samuel 22:2-3),

Light (1 John 1:5),

Jesus (Colossians 1:15;2:9),

Spirit (John 4:24),

Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17),

Everywhere (Jeremiah 34:24),

Almighty (Matthew 19:26)