

Peace and Conflict Knowledge Organiser

Key Quotes

Christian:

"Love thy neighbour"
 "Your heavenly Father will also forgive you"
 "Eye for an eye"
 "All who draw the sword will die by the sword"
 "Thou shall not kill"
 "Turn to them the other cheek"
 "Peace I leave with you"

Islam

"Say words of peace"
 "Allah is forgiving and merciful"
 "Incline to it [peace] also"
 "Capture them and besiege them"
 "Fight in the cause of Allah"
 "I shall not raise my hand against you"
 "Enter absolutely into peace"

Key Terms

Holy War	A war where people believe that God is on their side
Pacifism	The belief that war and violence are never acceptable
Just War	A war that meets certain conditions to be classed as necessary
Terrorism	Use of violence in the aim to create political change
Forgiveness	Stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone
Reconciliation	Returning to harmony and friendship after conflict
Justice	The idea of each person getting what they deserve, and maintaining what's right
Weapons of Mass Destruction	A nuclear, biological or chemical weapon able to cause widespread damage and loss of life

Religious Views

Topic	Christian View	Muslim View
War	Holy War - they do not accept the idea of holy war, they believe that it is more important to be peaceful Just War - they accept the idea of a just war. They think we should use the theory to try and prevent wars rather than using it to justify them.	Holy War - some Muslims would argue against this as they would say that we should always turn towards peace as stated in the Quran. However, some think we can justify fighting in the cause of Allah due to Lesser Jihad. Just War - In Islam this is known as Military Jihad. There are strict conditions under which war can be fought.
Violence	The Bible provides lots of evidence of how Christians should follow Jesus' example of peace. They believe that all life is sacred and so we should never take it.	Islam does recognise that in some cases violence can be used to secure peace - especially in defence of Islam. However, some would argue that we should not use violence as it goes against some religious teachings. Islam is predominantly a religion of peace.
Forgiveness, Justice and reconciliation	These are central beliefs in Christianity. Christians think they should follow Jesus' example of forgiveness e.g. in the Lord's prayer. Through forgiveness they believe they can bring about reconciliation. Justice is also important, Jesus said we should treat people fairly and God is seen to be just - therefore Christians should also be just.	Forgiveness and reconciliation are important as they allow Muslims to live in a peaceful world as Allah intended. Also Allah is merciful and forgiving and Muslims should try to follow his example. Justice is an important concept in Islam as Allah demonstrates this quality when he judges us on our actions - we are judged fairly. Moreover, the Five Pillars support this e.g. through Zakah. Through justice peace will follow.
Peace	Peacemaking - There are many Bible teachings that encourage Christians to work towards peace. Christian charities support victims of war and encourage reconciliation e.g. Christian Aid and CAFOD. Pacifism - some Christians believe that they should be pacifists. Some see Jesus as a pacifist and think they should follow his example.	Peacemaking - The Quran has many examples of Muslims encouraging Muslims to work towards peace and caring for others. For example, the Islamic Relief Fund supports victims of war. Pacifism - Muslims do not accept pacifism. Although they believe in peace they would argue that there are some cases where violence can be used.
Weapons of Mass Destruction	Most Christians would argue that we should not use WMD as peace should be found in other ways - not through violence. They also go against the ten commandments.	Most Muslims would not support the use of WMD, they cannot be justified using religious teachings. They believe that innocent life should not be threatened.

