

A-Level Religious Studies - Transition tasks.

Religion Task:

The religion we study is Islam. We recommend you begin to get familiar with the history of pre-Islamic Arabia. On the website there are a few links to digital resources.

1. Background notes to Jahiliyyah

- a) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_Rgu_sNBZ8 watch this documentary to get a real sense of what the climate was like in pre- Islamic Arabia.
- b) Read and make notes
http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3.amazonaws.com/vtc/2015-16/15-16_16/PDF%27s/UNIT%201.1%20-%20Background%20notes%20to%20Jahiliyya.pdf

Answer the following questions based on the above document.

1. What does Jahiliyyah mean?
2. What was religion like during this period?
3. What was society and politics like

Watch this debate between William Lane Craig and Christopher Hitchens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tYm41hb48o>

The video is called

Does God Exist? William Lane Craig vs. Christopher Hitchens - Full Debate [HD]

If you watch from 11 minutes 30 seconds you will see William Lane Craig and Christopher Hitchens being introduced. William Lane Craig is a Christian and Christopher Hitchens was a New Atheist.

Structure of the talk

The lecture is quite long and so you may wish to watch this in stages. They talk for 20 minutes each and then have a right of reply each.

- William Lane Craig starts at 13 minutes
- Christopher Hitchens starts at 33minutes and 30 seconds
- Williams Lane Craig replies to Christopher Hitchens from 54 minutes and 15 seconds
- Christopher Hitchens replies to William Lane Craig from 1hr and 7 minutes

From one hour 20 minutes there is a cross examination that you may wish to watch.