

Preparing for Philosophy A level – Summer Work

Complete at least one activity from each of the four areas

Epistemology: What do we know? Can we know anything?		
Read	Watch	Write
<p>https://theconversation.com/how-do-you-know-that-what-you-know-is-true-thats-epistemology-63884 How do you know that what you know is true?</p> <p>https://www.cits.ucsb.edu/fake-news/danger-social How 'fake' news is dangerous and politically motivated.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXhJ3hHK9hQ Crash Course Philosophy Video: The Meaning of Knowledge (10 mins)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niwkdDoUQsM What is Truth? Episode 1405 Closer To Truth (26 mins).</p>	<p>1. What, if anything, do you definitely know?</p> <p>2. Does it matter if we all think about truth in a different way to other? Justify your answer.</p> <p>3. How does the concept of fake news relate to Epistemology?</p>

Moral Philosophy: What makes something good or bad?		
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<p>http://www2.open.ac.uk/openlearn/to-lie-or-not-to-lie/ interactive game/article about whether a lie is ever okay.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/virtue.shtml An introduction to Aristotle's Virtue Ethics</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvLRq5e67jQ Philosophy of Ethics and Morality - Introduction to Ethics (Moral Philosophy) - What is Ethics? (14 Mins)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HAMk_ZY07g PHILOSOPHY - Ethics: Killing Animals for Food (9 Minutes)</p>	<p>1. How would you define the word good? How would you define the word bad? Do these words even matter? Explain your answers in a paragraph.</p> <p>2. In what cases it is okay to lie? Or, is it never good?</p> <p>3. Should we kill animals for food? Create an argument for your view.</p>

Meta-Physics of Mind: What are mental states? Are the body and the mind separate? Are thoughts just biological occurrences?		
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<p>https://theconversation.com/why-psychology-lost-its-soul-everything-comes-from-the-brain-54828 How psychologists deal with the concept of the soul and mind.</p> <p>https://www.philosophytalk.org/blog/problem-other-minds Introduction to the problem of other minds.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAjWUrwvxs4 (School of Life) - René Descartes (9 Mins)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILDy6kYU-xQ (Ted- Ed) Are you a body with a mind or a mind with a body? - Maryam Alimardani (6 Minutes)</p>	<p>1. Do you believe in the soul? Explain your view.</p> <p>2. What is the mind? Is it just the work of our brains or is there something more going on in your view?</p> <p>3. How do you know that you are not the only mind in the whole universe?</p>

Meta-Physics of God: Is God real? Can we prove his existence or non-existence? Is religious language meaningful?		
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<p>https://www.beliefnet.com/columnists/religion101/2012/07/ten-essential-isms-part-one.html 5 important stances which think about God in different ways.</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2009/jul/17/dennett-philosophy-belief Should we believe in belief?</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SjuCOPYscU Atheists and Christians Debate Truth And Belief (13 mins)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AzNEG1GB-k Anselm & the Argument for God: Crash Course Philosophy (9 Minutes)</p>	<p>1. Do you believe in the God? Explain your view.</p> <p>2. What evidence would you need to change your view about God.</p> <p>3. Explain which 'ism' key word applies to you.</p>