

Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 8

Topic: Prejudice and Equality

Half Term: Autumn One



Key Terms

Hierarchy	A system where people are ranked in order of importance or authority.
Stereotypes	Making an assumption about a person based on a characteristic.
Brahmins	Priests or teachers in the Caste system.
Kshatriyas	Warriors and kings in the Caste system.
Vaishyas	Traders and merchants in the Caste system.
Shudras	Workers and servants in the Caste system.
Segregation	In the USA white people and black people were forced to live separately and black people faced terrible discrimination.
Forgiveness	No longer feeling angry with a person or group of people about a previous event.
Christian egalitarianism	The belief that men and women have been created equally and they should have equal rights.
Christian complementarianism	Men and women have been created by God to be different and to have different roles in life, including in Christian life.

The Caste system divided Hindus into four categories, with some being valued more highly than others. Gandhi was against the caste system as he believed it promoted an unfairness in society. He used his education to try and change things and worked towards raising awareness of racial inequality and injustice. Hindus believe that men and women are equal, but they are different and therefore have different roles.



Martin Luther King was a Baptist priest living in America during segregation. Baptists don't believe in a Church hierarchy, and believed that everyone within the Church should be treated equally. Martin Luther King experienced hatred and violence, but because of his religious beliefs he thought that love and forgiveness was the only way to fight hatred and discrimination. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work, but was later assassinated.



Jesus taught about forgiveness. He said that everyone deserves to be forgiven if they are truly sorry for what they have done wrong. He taught that people do not have to be religious to be forgiven, but that if you can not forgive a person who has hurt you then you can not expect forgiveness from God for your sins.



There are several conflicting views about women and gender equality within Christianity. One belief is that God made all people equal, so all should be given equal chances and opportunities. Another view is men should be in control of women because Eve was easily tempted in the Garden of Eden.



'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'

Religious Teachings

"Observe your duty to Allah in respect to the women, and treat them well."



Suggested Reading

• ***Noughts & Crosses*** by Malorie Blackman



• ***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander