

Introduction to the Philosophy component of the course: Part 1

Task 1:

Go to this link, and click 'download' on the Specification for the A-Level Religious Studies Course. Then read over what you will need to learn for the 'Philosophy' component of the course (it starts on Page 55 and goes to page 63 of the document):

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/ed/qualifications/religious-studies-as-a-level/#tab_overview

Introduction to Philosophical Arguments

Task 2: You can watch the lesson and read the article about the difference between inductive and deductive arguments on these pages:

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/inductive-and-deductive-reasoning.html>

<https://www.thoughtco.com/deductive-and-inductive-arguments-249754>

Then complete the following activities:

Task 3:

Key Terms – Create a glossary in your notes for the following key terms:

- Deductive
- Inductive
- Premise
- Conclusion

Task 4:

Using these terms, explain what philosophers mean when they talk about deductive and inductive arguments, in 200-300 words. Give at least 2 examples of deductive arguments. Give at least 2 examples of inductive arguments.

Review of the idea of the God of Classical Theism:

Task 5:

Key Terms – Add to your glossary in your notes for the following key terms:

- Omnipotent
- Omniscient
- Omnibenevolent
- Theism
- Atheism
- Agnostic

You can read the article or watch the video in the following links to support you in this:

<https://strangenotions.com/what-is-classical-theism/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxmY2n3LS8M>

Reading:

There is much background reading you can do on this subject. Copies of many of these books can be picked up for only a few pounds on eBay, so you should read one or more of the following:

- Gaarder, J. **Sophie's World**, London: Phoenix House 1995
- Davies, B. **An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion**, OUP 1993
- Vardy, P. **The Puzzle of God**, Harper Collins (1999)
- Blackburn, S. **Think**, OUP 2001
- Craig, E. **Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction**, OUP 2002
- Nagel, T. **What Does It All Mean?** OUP 1987 (reprinted 2004)
- Warburton, N. **Philosophy: The Basics** (5th ed.), Routledge 2012