

Knowledge organizer: Year 8 unit 4 – Desert to Garden

Topics	  
Why do we suffer?	
Is there a meaning to suffering?	
Why is Jesus called the 'suffering servant'?	
Why did God allow Jesus to suffer?	
How do Christians prepare during Lent?	
Theodicies – responding to the Problem of Evil	
What is the Easter Triduum?	
What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?	
Is euthanasia the most compassionate response to those suffering a terminal illness?	
How is the crucifixion shown through art?	

Key words	Problem of evil – issue of the existence of evil and suffering in the world if God is good Physical evil – includes uncontrollable natural events which results in suffering, such as a volcano erupting which can destroy homes and kill people Moral evil – this is the conscious action of a human who chooses to inflict suffering through their behaviour, such as stealing from someone else, leaving them without what they rightfully own and feeling vulnerable Physical suffering – this is the suffering of our body which results in pain that we physically feel such as sickness or injury Moral suffering – this is suffering that we may not see with our eyes but is still real. Worry, fear and loneliness reduce people's enjoyment of life and cause them suffering; and when people feel they have let themselves down by behaving badly, this can cause distress Atone – to do something that makes up for, or repairs, the damage done as a result of wrong behaviour Salvation – the process of being saved from sin returning to God through God's grace Lent - is a period of 40 days. It is a time of preparation for Easter and focused on penance, sacrifice and renewal. Sacrament of Reconciliation – the Sacrament of Healing in which a person confesses and is forgiven of their sins
Teacher assessed pieces of work	Knowledge Assessment
Stretch and challenge	Explore the problem of evil. In what way does it challenge the existence of an all-loving, all-powerful and all-knowing God? Explore the work of John Hick. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhsjsw/video

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The problem of evil according to Epicurus: "Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent. Is he able but not willing? Then he is malevolent. Is he both able and willing? Then whence cometh evil? Is he neither able nor willing? Then why call him God?"	People who believe in God will often develop arguments that respond to the problem of evil. This justification, defence or explanation for why God allows evil and suffering is called a theodicy.	'But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.' (Isaiah 53:5) The Messiah's suffering brings peace and brings people back to God.	Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are important actions undertaken during the period of Lent. It is a time of renewal and fasting.	Triduum means 'three days' in Latin. It includes the ritual actions and practices on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Saturday Easter Vigil.