Violence - 1

Aim: To understand contrasting attitudes to the use of violence





In silence think through in which of these scenarios is violence justified and why?

Be prepared to share your answer with the class.

Police using water cannons and physical force to stop a violent riot.

Hitting someone when they say something that you do not agree with.

A young woman

Defending your

phys Homework.

Make sure your PRE books is covered.
 Due: 15 September 2020

money.

weapons.



Can you think of a guiding principle that determines when it is right to use violence?

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Silver: I am able to properly construct an answer for a 15 mark question

Expectations

Be:

- Prompt
- Prepared
- Productive
- Polite
- Patient

- Wait respectfully and calmly for your turn.
- Do not slouch, complain or wave.

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 Listen, stay seated, and track the speaker when someone is talking to you. There should be nothing in your hands.

chairs tucked back under them.



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Admin Tasks:

On your desk you should have:

- Exercise book
- Year 10 Assessment Tracker
- GCSE marking policy
- Sticker
- Presentation guide
- Sources of PRE knowledge

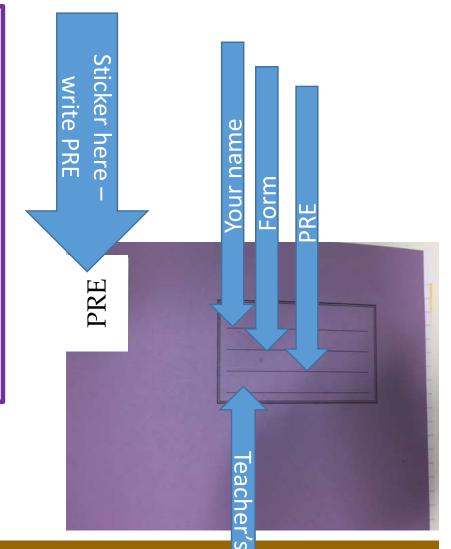
Listen carefully to the instructions I am about to give.

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On the front of your book:

- Write your name,
- Your class name (NOT your form),
- subject (PRE)
- teacher's name (Mr Braddick-Southgate)
- Write PRE on your sticker and put it top left of your exercise book, as in the picture.

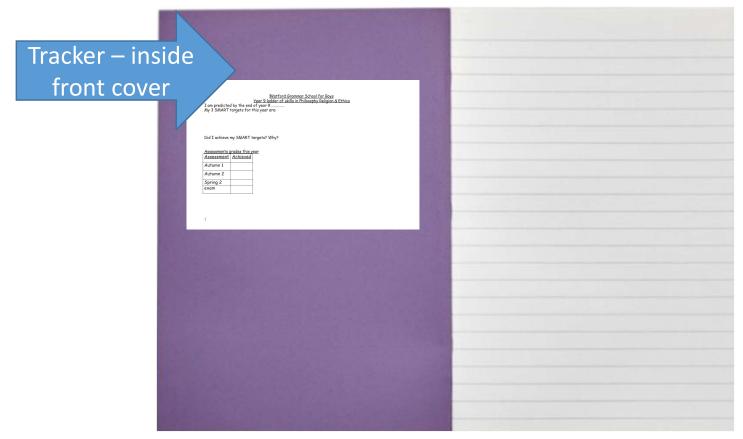


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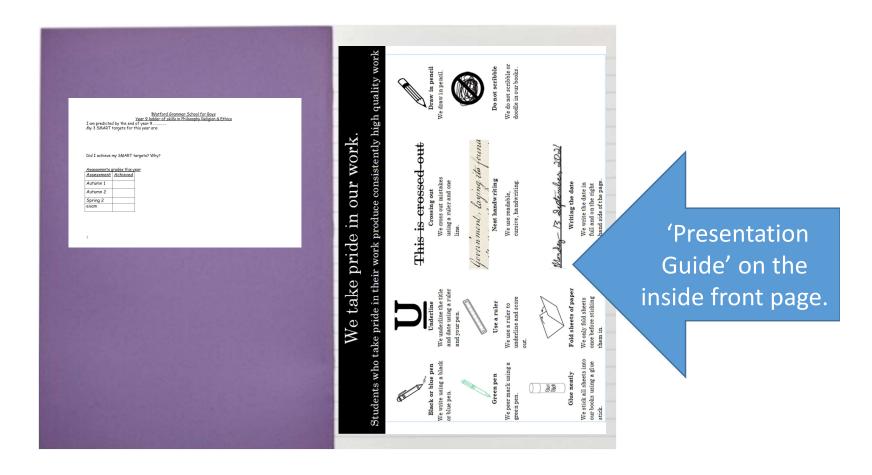


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Silver: I am able to link ways of worship to specific beliefs.



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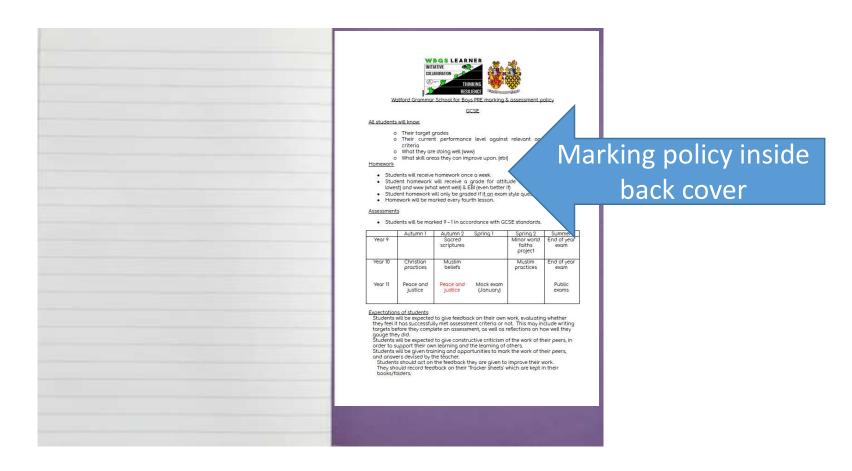


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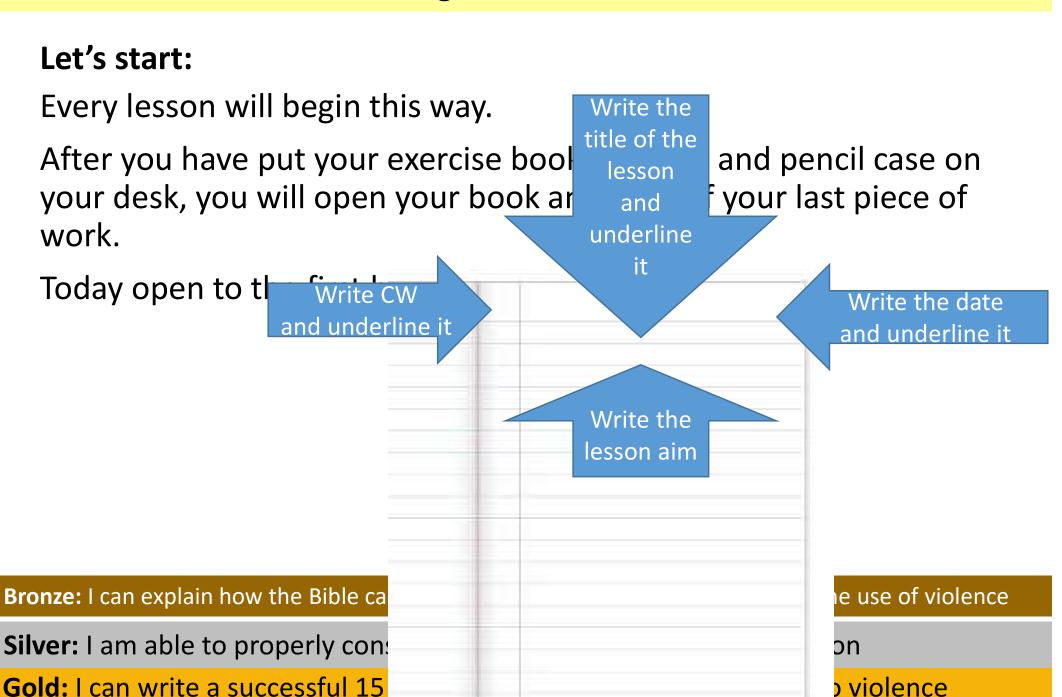


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Lesson reflection

Don't forget that after everyday when you have a PRE lesson, you will write a paragraph reflection on what you have learnt in that day's lesson.

I will pick someone at random at the beginning of each lesson to read his reflection from the previous lesson.

An example, using today's lesson:

In today's (08/09/21) lesson I learnt about texts from the Bible that could be used to support violent or non-violent approaches. I understood the importance of understanding those texts in context, not just taking a sentence in isolation from its place in a passage, in a book, the Bible, Christian/Jewish tradition and the historical context of the writer. We were introduced to the notion of God using His people as tools of his justice. We also looked at what a full mark paragraph from a 15 mark essay would like. Reminding ourselves of the importance of point, evidence, explanation and link.

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Key Words:



Draw (make sure to use pencil and ruler) the table on the back page of your PRE book. Now fill it in.

Keyword	Definition	
Violence	using actions that can threaten or harm others	
Protest	an expression of disapproval, often in a public group	

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Sources of PRE knowledge

Nine different academic subjects come together to form what we call, in our school, PRE.

Anthropology



Philosophy



Archaeology



Sacred Text Studies



Classical Studies



Sociology



Ethics



Theology



History

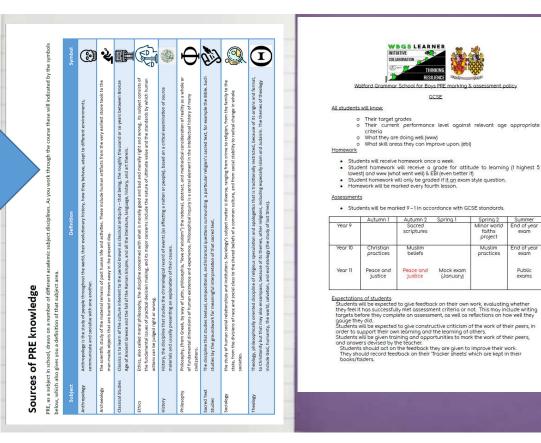
When I use knowledge from one of these nine disciplines in my teaching of you, its symbol, from above, will appear on the slide.

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Sources of PRE knowledge – inside back page



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Read critically

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Summarise:

- A repeated atheist attack
- Predominantly Hebrew Scriptures
- 1 Sam 15:3 and Psalm 137:9^a
- Context
- Development the New Testament

^aHappy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

*Genocide is understood by most to be the gravest crime against humanity it is possible to commit. It is the mass extermination of a whole group of people, an attempt to wipe

them out of existence.



Does the morality of violence change in different contexts?
What do you think the Christian response in face of genocide* should be, for example?

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23 When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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Can you give an example of a non-violent approach to injustice that has worked? What is it?

construct an answer for a 15 mark question non-violent approach to

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Form coherent arguments:

Read through the different perspectives on the use of violence on the speech-bubble sheet.

Draw the table (use pencil and ruler) in your PRE book and complete

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Arguments for peaceful protest (against violence)	Arguments for violence in protest
Argument:	Argument:
Reason for this view:	Reason for this view:
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Specifical Strengths weaknesses of each argument?

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Gold: Use religious text to justify an opinion on using violence in protest

Write Cogently:

'It is always wrong for religious believers to protest violently'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity.

Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Christianity. [15 marks]

We have considered arguments that could be given FOR and AGAINST this statement on the sheet.

Conclusion – an overall, justified judgement

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Rewrite your conclusion from the opposite point of view. How could you justify this argument?

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Point:

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Evidence:

Leaving to one side the Hebrew Scriptures which have multiple texts which would support the use of violence in the service of justice, the New Testament has at least two texts. In John's gospel where Jesus makes a whip of cords to drive out those making a mockery of God's house and in Matthew's gospel where Jesus says he has not come to bring peace to the Earth but the sword.

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Explanation:

Aim: To understand These texts, especially the presence of the sword in the Matthew text, support the idea of God's people being instruments of God's justice. Those who exploit the weak and the poor are to be given a chance to repent, and if they do not then they will face, possibly terminal violence, like the Amalekites in 1 Samuel. This is obviously a view that in our pluralistic and 'civilised' society is uncomfortable, but it is set forth by Jesus who is considered to be the model of how Christians should behave.

Link:

This shows that it would be a valid Christian view to reject the statement that it would always be wrong for religious, in this case Christian, people to be violent.

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Form Coherent Arguments:

Which example shows the best evaluation?





1. Having considered all the opinions, I think that it is always wrong for religious believers to use violence, because Christianity teaches that peace is important. However, some people may disagree because violence might be the only way to achieve your goal.



What evidence cou

2. Having considered all the opinions, I think that it is always wrong for religious believers to use violence. I think this is the strongest argument, as the New Testament says Christians should promote peace, that all people are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27) and so should be treated with respect, and campaigners like Martin Luther King have proven that non-violent approaches can make a significant difference.

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To Finish: Peer Marking



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Check for...

- Explanation (reasons for the view)
- Evaluation (strengths/ weaknesses of the arguments)
- Religious text/scripture (with an explanation!)

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Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;
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Form coherent arguments: Perspectives on the use of violence

It is always wrong to use violence because Jesus taught that 'blessed are the peacemakers' in his Sermon on the Mount.

The Bible teaches the importance of fighting against injustice.
Violence might be allowed if it brings a greater good.

As a Christian, I was part of the peaceful march in Tottenham in 2011, the riots that followed were wrong and took advantage of a tragic situation.

Christians should be involved in peaceful protests against injustices, even if those protests are illegal. Violence, however, should never be used.

Sometimes violence is necessary to actually make people sit up and listen. We will just be ignored otherwise. Peaceful protest is just wishful thinking.

In the face of great evil we decided that the only Christian response was to try and assassinate Hitler. It is right that one person should sacrifice his soul to save many.

The Right to
Protest is a
fundamental
Human
Right. But,
not to
protest
violently.

"I am very certain that
Jesus would not have
stayed home enjoying
the air-conditioning,"
Ms. Wong said. "He
would have been out
here helping people and
marching."

Human Rights Act 1998

Article 9 Freedom of thought, belief and religion Article 10 Freedom of expression Article 11 Freedom of assembly and association