

Summer Bridging Work: Philosophy A level

Your task is to research an important philosopher or theologian and produce a poster outlining the information you find. The aim of the task is to gain an understanding of your chosen person and their important ideas on Philosophy or an area within Philosophy, and to introduce you to the kind of reading you may undertake on the A level course. You will be asked to present your poster informally in the first lesson of the term.

You can choose anyone you like, but some suggestions are:

- Plato
- Aristotle
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St. Augustine
- Rene Descartes
- Gottfried Leibniz
- Jeremy Bentham
- John Stuart Mill
- Immanuel Kant
- David Hume
- Ludwig Wittgenstein
- Friedrich Nietzsche
- AJ Ayer

You could include:

- Biographical information
- Key works and ideas in a particular field
- Influences and impact
- Background (cultural/social/historical)
- Quotes
- Pictures

You could use:

- Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy: <https://plato.stanford.edu/>
- Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy: <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>
- The school of life (youtube): <http://bit.ly/1gfOCEu>
- Crash course Philosophy (youtube): <http://bit.ly/2lUKUy5>
- Spark notes: <http://www.sparknotes.com/philosophy/>

Your work will be assessed according to the following criteria:

1. **Outstanding** – You have included lots of detailed and varied information from a wide range of sources and put a lot of effort into its presentation.
2. **Good** – You have included good information from different sources and/or presented it clearly.
3. **Satisfactory** – You have included some good information but the work could be more detailed and/or more imaginatively presented.
4. **Not adequate** – You have failed to respond to the tasks in an appropriate way.