

PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE US



Prior Learning	
<p>This unit explores the concept of commitment through a Social Sciences lens and provides opportunity to explore lives of people who have been inspired by religion to perform heroic deeds or dedicate their lives to a cause. There are opportunities to start with local saints and heroes, linking with aspects of history and citizenship. By the end of this unit pupils will recognise how religion has motivated people to dedicate themselves to worthwhile causes and the actions they have taken. Also see the KS2 Easter1 unit which will follow.</p>	
Key vocabulary for this unit	
<p>Saint, inspiration, sacrifice, a 'cause', altruism, justice and freedom.</p>	
Learning Sequence	
<p>What is a saint? How does a person become one? Where are saints' names found in the local community.</p>	<p>Consider what influences and inspires people to commit to a cause. What is their inspiration? What sacrifices have they made? Understand the difference between a saint and a hero.</p>
<p>Who might be the saints and heroes of a local community. How are local or national saints remembered.</p>	<p>Reflect on the heroes and saints at a local community and national level. On a map of the local area, identify places linked with the names of saints or heroes.</p>
<p>Are all saints Christian? What title is given to the 'saints' of other faiths? What inspires some people to commit their lives to an altruistic cause?</p>	<p>Understand what altruism means. Look at people of all faiths as well as non-believers who commit to a cause; discuss the sacrifices they have made.</p>

What can we learn about commitment from the lives of significant people of faith? Do you have to be religious to commit to a cause?	Look at people from the modern age who have made a difference in their community.
What impact may a person's actions have on the lives of others?	Freeze-frame a life-changing moment for a saint; discuss its impact.
Assessment milestones	
Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain why significant people of faith acted according to their commitments • explain how people are inspired by actions of significant people of faith 	Knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain the values that motivate people of faith to respond to a cause • give reasons why people may choose to make sacrifices to improve the lives of others