

Key Vocabulary...	
Ethics	Principles (rules) that control and guide a person's behaviour.
Morals	A sense of right and wrong.

Key People – Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a campaigner for girls' education from Pakistan.

She was shot by the Taliban in 2012, when she was just 14 years old, but continued her work and became the youngest person ever to win the world-famous Nobel Peace Prize.

As a young girl of 11, the Pakistani student wrote an anonymous diary about what life was like under the rule of an extreme group called the Taliban in north-west Pakistan. In the diary, she talked about how she wanted to stay in education and about how girls should be able to go to school. The Taliban wanted to ban girls' education. Lots of people read the diary all over the world and she became well-known for fighting for her right to an education.




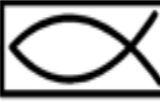

But the Taliban didn't like this. And because of what she said in her diary - in October 2012, she was shot by their soldiers. The world was appalled by what happened to Malala and she quickly won the support of millions more people.

She was treated for her injuries in a hospital in Pakistan and then brought to the UK for more treatment. After many weeks Malala was finally able to leave hospital. Her father got a job in UK and Malala and her family settled in the city of Birmingham, where she soon started. Soon after leaving hospital, Malala launched an education fund called the Malala Fund to help girls around the world receive an education a new school.

In 2014, she became the youngest ever winner the Nobel Peace Prize. She shared the prize with Indian child rights campaigner Kailash Satyarthi.



Symbols of Peace

<p>The poppy is a symbol of remembrance because the fields where soldiers died in the two World Wars came to be covered in red poppies. The red flower represents the blood of the soldiers, the black centre represents death and the green leaf represents hope for peace and new life.</p>	<p>The dove is often represented with an olive branch, this is another symbol of peace. The olive branch represents an attempt to bring people together.</p> 	<p>This rainbow flag originated from Italy and has the Italian word PACE written in bold. PACE means 'peace'. The colours represent people from many races, religions, genders and sexuality living together peacefully.</p> 
<p>The fish symbol was created using the Greek letters which spell out ICHTHUS - Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour</p> 	<p>The Romans persecuted (bullied) the Christians and it became dangerous for them to meet. So the Christians devised a secret code. They drew half a fish in the sand. If a person completed the fish, they knew he or she was a believer too.</p> 	<p>The working bee is a symbol of Manchester as it represents the hard-working past of Manchester in the industrial revolution.</p> 

Christian Aid is an organisation that works all over the world to try and end poverty. The organisation aims to create a more equal world, where all people have the same opportunities and rights. Christian Aid also works in disaster relief in many different parts of the world.

Part of the work of Christian Aid involves encouraging more people to be global citizens and creating a more environmentally sustainable world. Christian Aid has recently worked to develop what they call sustainable development goals. These are aimed at protecting the planet.

Christian Aid believes that education is vital in achieving their goals and wants more schools to teach these topics. Christian Aid aims to achieve these goals by 2030.

Always Remember...

Christians live their lives according to the teachings and life of Jesus and the Bible. Christian action, and therefore their **ethics and morals**, are often based on the 'Greatest Commandment' when Jesus said that people should love thy neighbour as thyself. What Jesus meant by this was that people should love God, one another and treat others as they would want to be treated.

Key People - Oscar Romero

What was life in El Salvador in the 1970s?

The country was ruled by just a few wealthy and powerful families who used the army to suppress (control) the rest of the population. Life was very bad for the peasants (poor people) - hunger, poverty, lack of education. Hundreds of people were murdered, tortured or disappeared every month.



Who was Oscar Romero?

Born in 1917 in El Salvador. He became priest in 1942 in Rome (Italy) and returned to become a priest in his country in 1944. He was made archbishop in 1977 - the leader of the Catholic Church in El Salvador. A few weeks after Romero was made the archbishop, his friend and a priest, Father Rutilio Grande, was murdered because he was living alongside landless peasants in poverty and speaking out to try to help them. Oscar Romero immediately reacted against the corrupt rulers of the country, speaking out against them and the injustices of the poor in his country.

What was Romero's campaign? What did he do?

Thousands of people came to his sermons (sermon means when religious people speak to groups of people to give them an important message.) His sermons were broadcast every Sunday on the radio. He was seen as the spokesperson for truth and justice for the people of El Salvador. He spoke openly against the government.

He taught that violence could be overcome by Christian love. He told people in other countries about the bad things that were happening in his country. He visited the Pope (leader of the Catholic Church) with evidence of the injustices and bad things that were happening in the country. He wrote to the United States President (President Carter): "You say that you are Christian. If you are really Christian, please stop sending military aid to the military here, because they use it only to kill my people."

But he was becoming too much of a threat to the El Salvador government. He said: "Brothers, you come from our own people. You are killing your own brothers. ... In the name of God, in the name of this suffering people whose cry rises to heaven more loudly each day, I implore you, I beg you, I order you: stop the repression." Romero was shot dead the following day while celebrating a church service in the chapel of the hospital where he lived. His last words were, "May God have mercy on the assassin." (Assassin is a paid killer)

Activity – Create a script for a short documentary about the life and achievements of either MALALA YOUSAFZAI or OSCAR ROMERO. Challenge: Try and include an interview with that person. What questions would you ask? How would they respond?