

Starter - In my opinion...

You have two minutes to write down an answer to this question:

What is the meaning of
life?



The **meaning** of life
is to find your **gift**,
the **purpose** of life is
to give it away.

- Pablo Picasso

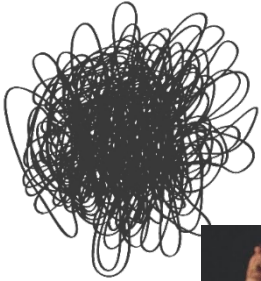
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Title - The Meaning of Life

L.O: To understand different philosophical views on the meaning of life.

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The universe has no purpose so life has no purpose

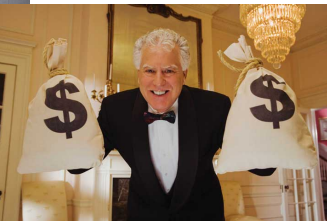
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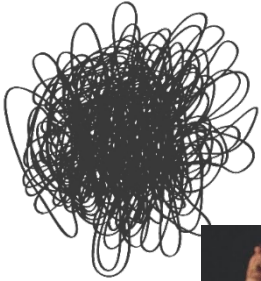
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Life is what you make it for yourself

To get money and to own nice things



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Hedonist: Life is about having as much fun as possible



Humanist: The purpose is to help other people



Religious: To aim to help others and do God's work



Existentialist: Life is what you make it for yourself



Materialist: To get money and to own nice things



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Do we ever really know what people really think about this?

It's easy to presume we know what people think it the meaning of life, but it can be a very complex issue.

It might be easy to assume that Elon Musk is a materialist because he is rich. But listen to this...

[The meaning of life according to Elon Musk - YouTube](#)

Does your view on the meaning of life matter?



Consider:

- How might believing something affect how you live and act?
- Are there good and bad meanings?
- Can some of the 'bad' meanings of life be used to bring good to the world?
- What examples can you think of to support your arguments?
- Think about the way you live your life – what does that tell people about the meaning of your life?

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Discuss - Can a materialistic approach to life make you really happy?



Arguments for...

Arguments against...

The Water of Life



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-dqjQNoPw>

Philosophies of life

Group 1: Hedonist

**Life is about having fun –
maximising pleasure &
minimising pain**

Group 2: Humanist

**Life is about helping other
people**

Group 3: Materialist

**Life is about making money and
owning nice things (maybe
linked to image as well)**

Group 4: Nihilist

The universe has no purpose

Group 5: Religious

**Life is about helping others and
doing Gods work**

Group 6: Existentialist

**Life is what you make it by
yourself – follow your own path**



Dragons Den

- You are going to be trying to brand / market & sell a new bottle of water.
- Each group will be marketing to a different philosophy.

Make sure you tell the Dragons:

- **What benefits will the water/water bottle bring you?**
- **What sort of person drinks the water/from the bottle?**
- **What will people think of you when you drink the water/use the bottle?**
- **Your water bottles design, brand's name & slogan**

To conclude...



No lesson on the Meaning of life would be complete without....

[The meaning of life, from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy - YouTube](#)

Materialists

Religious

Existentialists

Hedonists

Nihilists

Humanist