



What is the difference between
a religious leader and a
secular one?

Who are the odd ones out and why?



How many faces did you recognise?



Who are the odd ones out? And why?



Ms Von, Boris Johnson and Rokhsana Fiaz are *secular* leaders. What does this mean?



Grand Iman of Al-Azhar, leading Muslim cleric



Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister



Queen Elizabeth II, Head of Church of England



Sri Ananta Das Babaji Maharaja, Hindu Leader



Ephraim Mirvis, Leading UK rabbi



Ms Von, Head Mistress



Dalai Lama, Buddhist Leader



Pope Francis, Head of Catholic Church



Indarjit Singh, leading UK Sikh



Rokhsana Fiaz, Mayor of Newham

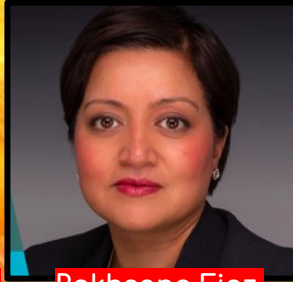
Secular means not connected to a religion.
These three are all powerful leaders, but
they are not leading religions.



Ms Von,
Head Mistress



Boris Johnson, UK
Prime Minister



Rokhsana Fiaz,
Mayor of Newham

These 3 might have religious beliefs of their own, but they are
still *secular leaders* because their job is not being a *religious*
leader like the others.

Day in the life of a religious leader

Last week we looked at typical days in the lives of religious leaders from 4 different faiths: Judaism, Islam, Christianity and Buddhism.

They had lots of similarities:

- They all spent time praying
- They all spent time studying sacred texts from their religions
- They all spent time talking to their communities
- They all led religious services
- They all spent time teaching (or preaching)
- Most of them had lots of administration jobs to do to help keep their religions running smoothly

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But there were also some differences:

- Only the Jewish rabbi and the Muslim imam spent time with their families. Catholic priests and Buddhist monks are not allowed to get married and have a family.
- The Dalai Lama, the leader of the Buddhist faith, spent time meditating. No other religions meditate as part of their regular worship.

Day in the life of a secular leader

What do you think secular leaders do every day?

Do you think there will be similarities between their tasks and those of the religious leaders?

How about a Head Teacher? How do they spend their very busy days?

A life in the day: Sadiq Khan

The mayor of London on being a Muslim, a stand-up, a footballer, a father and a feminist

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I wake up around 6 — a habit I've had since my first job as a lawyer. It means I get stuff done before the day gets busy. I have a shower, then do morning prayers. I am a Muslim and try to go to Friday prayers at my mosque in Tooting, where I live, but I'm not perfect.

I'll work on research for meetings and any speeches that day, and sign off articles for the press by email. My diary is on my phone. I have Capital Radio on:

I'm in charge of the police, fire services and transport, so I meet their commissioners every week, plus the person in charge of counterterrorism.

Around 4, if I'm flagging, I'll have a flapjack and another coffee, though I switch to decaf at 5 — caffeine keeps me awake. I may have an evening work or charity event. I did stand-up comedy as part of a Labour party fundraiser a few years ago and must have been OK because I kept being invited back. But I gave that

On a good day I finish work at about 7 and head home. Exercise is important to me, so twice a week I go for a run around the common. I can do a 10K quite easily. I also play football with my mates on Sunday mornings at the local rec.

If the girls are still up when I get in we'll chat about school, eat and watch TV;

Here is a day in the life of Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London.

Can you see any similarities or differences with the days of our religious leaders?

6.00am

Awake with alarm going off. It's a dark morning, so difficult to fully comprehend that it is morning time. Down to the kitchen to make drinks. Have made tea for my wife Laura every morning for the past 20 years. Back to bed to watch the BBC news.

8.00am

Swift stop at school to fill in the communication board as I have a breakfast meeting today with the local authority (LA). Check with site manager Sue that all okay, then whizz on.

11.00am

Back at school at last. The breakfast meeting went on longer than I expected. Systems restructuring in the LA again. Glad to be back as a training group called **Positively MAD** are in for the day. Lots of fun and packed with helpful visual memory skills for the children to use. Have a meeting with a parent that is longer than expected.

Here is a day in the life of a primary school Head Teacher.

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12.00pm

In the playground as usual. Never have a lunch break. Keep promising myself that I will and that it is good for me but never put the promise into action. Lots of children want to ring the bell and come up and ask. Disappointed faces walk away as I let them know that I have already chosen two people for the job. It is wonderful to look around the playground and see all the children playing so well together.

1.00pm

Make a quick coffee after all the children are back safely in their classrooms. Emeline, the new home school worker, comes in with an annoyed look on her face. Difficult child in year 5 has been very disrespectful. Emeline is very patient and it takes a lot to make her feel this way. Decide with my deputy Kevin to tackle the boy head on. Tell him directly that I am disappointed with his attitude towards my staff and things need to change. Who knows what Monday will bring but I remain optimistic that we can sort things out before secondary school for him.

3.30pm

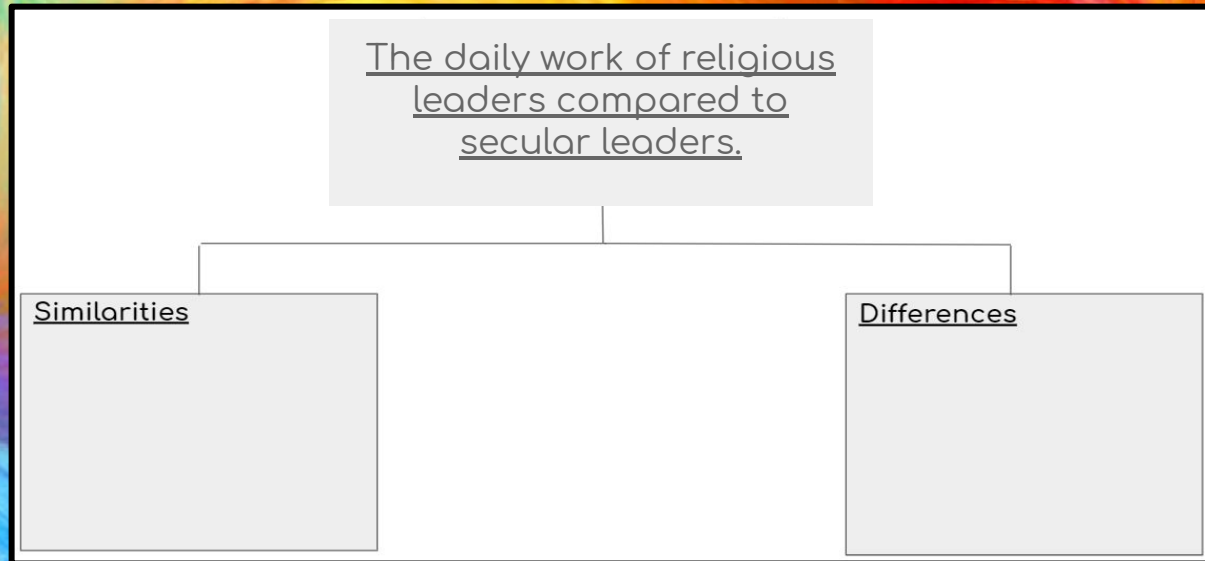
After school staff training session with Positively MAD. Considering it is Friday afternoon I am impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the teachers. They involve themselves fully and there are lots of laughs. A great antidote to the afternoon events and just what the doctor ordered.

8.00pm

On the computer ordering the delivery of food for the weekend. Website freezes but fortunately manage to rescue the situation. Check school emails. Reply to a few people that I had missed earlier in the day.

Your task

You are going to create a comparing/contrasting thinking map showing the similarities and differences between the daily lives of religious leaders and secular leaders. Use the information you have just learned over the last two lessons to help you. Upload your thinking map to a Google Slides presentation.



Challenge

Choose a religious leader, it could be someone you know or one of the religious leaders we learned about last week.

Write a diary entry about a typical day in their life. Try and remember all the tasks we discovered religious leaders completed each day from praying to talking to their communities.