Component 1a: Origins and Meaning Knowledge Organiser

Religious Explanations for the origins of the universe and of life		
1	Ex Nihilo	The idea that God created the world "out of nothing"
2	Genesis 1	God creates the world in 7 days
3	Genesis 2	God creates Man from soil and Woman from his rib, and places them in the Garden of Eden

Scientific Explanations for the origins of the universe and of life		
4	Big Bang Theory	The theory that the universe was created by a collision of atoms that caused the universe to expand
5	Evolution	The theory that species gradually change over time in order to survive (survival of the fittest)

Key Religious beliefs about the nature of Humans and God		
6	Sanctity of Life	Life is Holy and given by God
7	Stewardship	Humans are given the task to take care of the earth for God
8	Imago Dei	Humans are made in the "image of God"
9	Transcendent	God is outside of time and space
10	Eternal	God existed before the universe and always will
11	Omni benevolent	God is all loving, shown by creating a world for humans

Key Issue: Abortion		
12	Abortion	The termination and removal of the foetus from the womb
13	Catholic View	Abortion is wrong (sanctity of life/ Imago Dei)
14	Other Christians	Abortion may compassion and be the "lesser of two evils"
15	Humanist	Support the choice of the woman

The Bible		
16	Fundamental	The belief that Bible accounts are literal
17	2 Timothy 3:16	"All scripture is inspired by God" meaning that the Bible is the Word of God and is a guide
18	Old Testament	The formation of Israel and God's relationship with the Jews (Law, History, Prophets, Wisdom)
19	New Testament	The life of Jesus and the formation of the Christian Church (Gospels, Acts, Letters, Revelation)

Serving Communities		
20	Gaudium et Spes	A Document of the Church based on the idea of Imago Dei, emphasising justice, peace and reconciliation
21	Biblical principles	Love your neighbour and the dignity of every person are basic teachings that Christians follow
22	Interfaith Dialogue	The importance of different religions to work together
23	Multifaith society	The importance of people of different cultures and backgrounds to work together
24	CAFOD	A charity that tries to educate people, end poverty, and protect creation
25	SVP	A Catholic Charity that gives practical assistance to those in need

Art:		
26	Michelangelo's Creation of Adam	A painting that depicts God giving life to Adam. Key beliefs such as Imago Dei, Sanctity of life, Omnipotence, transcendence are shown
27	Tree of Life Mosaic	A Mosaic that shows the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross with a tree at its base. Key beliefs such as Alpha and Omega, Sacrificial Lamb, Holy Spirit, and the Disciples are shown
28	Biblical reference in the Mosaic	Revelation 22:2 the tree of life is healing for all nations 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 The first man was from the earth, the second man is from heaven

Key Thinkers		
31	St Augustine	*Confessions.* Ex Nihilo
32	Charles Darwin	Origins of Species, evolution through genetic changes
33	Richard Dawkins	Evolution through DNA
34	George LeMaitre	"Cosmic Egg" as a first theory of the Big Bang
35	Stephen Hawking	Gravity causes the Big Bang
36	Pope John Paul II	Science does not contradict faith
37	Catherine of Siena	Imago Dei means we are made by love and have a conscience
38	Peter Singer	Controversial ideas that some humans are non persons and that animal life may be more important than human life
39	Pope Francis	*Laudato Si*. Promoting environmental responsibility