

Christianity through the Ages

Writing challenge: Teacher notes

Three writing activities are presented so that the most suitable activity for the pupils level of attainment can be used.

The first two are following on from the Reading together activities.

The most basic activity is writing a postcard (CTTA10) from a witness to the events described in the text, St Francis celebrating the birth of Christ or the account of Roche Abbey being destroyed. Space is provided for a picture which can be followed by a written message.

An expanded version of this to write a letter (CTTA11) from a witness to the described events. Space is provided at the end of the letter for a picture.

The final exercise is designed to stretch the higher attainers by asking them to first read Psalm 150 (CTTA12) and then use the word cloud (the most popular words used in the Psalms) to write a new psalm on the template provided (CTTA12a). This will require considerable thought, use of key vocabulary, and writing in an author's voice.