

Vocabulary	Meaning
Humanist	someone who believes the in the Humanism worldview
secular	not connected with religious or spiritual matters
atheist	someone with no beliefs in God or gods
worldview	your ideas about life or the world
ethical	someone who is honest and follows good practice
rationality	thinking about things clearly, in a logical way, with decisions based on facts
BHA	the British Humanist Association (now operating as Humanists UK). Many Humanists in the UK are members of this association
happy human	the Humanist symbol

Assessment focus – Evaluate

Discern possible value in the concept for their own lives and communities

Is the concept of the 'river of life' important to you?

Key knowledge – Bertrand Russell, How to Grow Old

'An individual human existence should be like a river – small at first, narrowly contained within its banks, and rushing passionately past boulders and over waterfalls. Gradually the river grows wider, the banks recede, the waters flow more quietly, and – in the end – without any visible break, they become merged in the sea, and painlessly lose their individual being. The man or woman who, in old age, can see his or her life in this way, will not suffer from the fear of death, since the things they care for will continue.'

