

## Freedom – Teacher’s notes

**Freedom** ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJYycge3eFc&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK\\_psZNazrsutTX80Ey](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJYycge3eFc&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK_psZNazrsutTX80Ey))

Free will – what is it, does it exist?

What’s the difference between moral and natural evil?

What problem does this present for people that believe in God?

What do atheists make of this?

What is the free will defence?

Are there any problems with this idea?

**Libet Expt.** ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjCt-L0Ph5o&index=2&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK\\_psZNazrsutTX80Ey](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjCt-L0Ph5o&index=2&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK_psZNazrsutTX80Ey))

Can you test for free will?

If you move your hand, what has to happen first?

Anyone heard of Benjamin Libet?

What did he find disconcerting in his experiment?

When did brain activity start? What is the conclusion of this?

What do some people think this proves?

What did Libet think?

What about the more sceptical people?

## Sartre and Existential Choice

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpXNRrtuo38&index=39&list=PLLiyclLlCgPE0q9BiMexLFj-1rq9GUwX>)

Anyone know Sartre and his ideas?

Why did he think people lived in anguish?

According to Sartre, what do our choices show about us?

What is the essence of being human?

Did he think there is a certain design for a human being?

What does the phrase ‘existence precedes essence’ imply?

What ‘makes me, me’?

How does this heighten the anguish?

## Stuart Mill’s Harm principle

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9IM3ZKNMck&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK\\_psZNazrsutTX80Ey&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9IM3ZKNMck&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK_psZNazrsutTX80Ey&index=4))

Anyone know John Stuart Mill?

What is his ‘harm principle’?

What does this mean you are free to do?

What is the only condition?

Who is paternalism ok for, and when is it not ok?

What is this individual freedom a seedbed for?

What are the consequences for free speech?

Is causing offence a ground for intervention? What did he champion?

What is the enemy of progress?

How have others criticised Mill’s liberalism?

## Thomas Hobbes Freedom vs security

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zL2LMTRoWIA&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK\\_psZNazrsutTX80Ey&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zL2LMTRoWIA&list=PLLiyclLlCgPW6TK_psZNazrsutTX80Ey&index=3))

Are there other limits to freedom in society?

Would there be problems of living without a government, laws and society?

How, according to Hobbes, would life be without these things?

What was Hobbes’ way out?

How could the state then rule?

What is the consequence of this?