

R&W - Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?

atheist 🔑	A person who does not believe there is a god or gods.	religious freedom	The freedom to choose, change and practise beliefs.
discrimination 🔑	Treating someone unfairly or differently because of who they are (including religion, age, or gender).	stereotype 🔑	A fixed idea about a group of people that is often not true.
martyr	Someone who accepts suffering or even death for their religious beliefs.	tolerance 🔑	Willingness to accept or respect different beliefs, practices, or opinions, even if you disagree with them.
prejudice 🔑	Judging someone or something before knowing them well, often leading to unfair treatment.		



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Guy Fawkes lived during a time when it was illegal in England to practise Christianity in a certain way. People had to follow the beliefs and practices of the monarch or face punishment. King James was a Christian **Protestant** whereas Guy Fawkes was a Christian **Catholic**: the **divine right of kings** was the belief that a king or queen had been chosen by God so could make all of the country's decisions



The UK's **protected characteristics** make it against the law to treat people unfairly because of their personal qualities like religion, age, gender and race.



Bandi Chhor Divas is a Sikh celebration which celebrates Guru Hargobind's release from prison and the liberation of 52 other prisoners he rescued who held different beliefs to him.