

RE: Spirituality in Cornwall Knowledge Organizer

1. Key People/Groups

Methodists	A Christian denomination that carefully focuses on prayer, communion, Bible study and acts of charity.
Pagans	A collective name for people who have similar worldviews that have existed since before Christianity. These beliefs focus on humans' relationship with nature.

2. You need to know...

- **John Wesley** preached the idea that having faith in God is the most important way to salvation. This was popular with many Cornish people, who had very **dangerous jobs** and often faced death.
 - Wesley used his **speaking** skills to express his **deep feelings** about God, which persuaded many Cornish people to become **Methodists**
 - Many Christians represent Jesus in art because they believe God represented itself as a human by becoming **incarnate**
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- In **Paganism**, natural features such as mountains, lakes or springs have a **spirit**. Some places have a spirit in the form of **guardian** gods or goddesses.
 - The cycle of the natural year and its seasons is seen by most Pagans as a **pattern** for them to follow, leading to spiritual **growth** and renewal
 - Many Pagans see the Earth itself as **sacred**
 - Officially, there were about 1,500 Pagans in Cornwall and around 9,000 in the southwestern UK in 2011, but Pagan groups say that there are around **40,000 Pagans** in the southwestern UK
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- Not everyone believes we have a spirit that lives on after death. Being spiritual is **not always** about believing in an eternal soul, but about **your own self** and how **you** fit the world together
 - Because "spiritual" **doesn't have to** mean something to do with the **supernatural**, many non-religious people say that part of them is spiritual
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- For many people, spirituality is to do with your sense of **who you are**, other **people**, the **world** around you and something **beyond** yourself, which for many people is a god, gods and/or goddesses
 - Many people's spirituality is shown by their **hobbies or job**; these activities give them a sense of **purpose** and **meaning**
 - Many artists and musicians are **inspired** by their surroundings, beliefs and experiences

3. Key vocabulary

spirit	A person's personality, self, soul or essence.
identity	The fact of being, or feeling that you are, a particular type of person, different from others.
incarnate	"Becoming flesh".
salvation	Being saved from sin.
awen	A Pagan symbol with many meanings including Inspiration and creativity.
sacred	Precious, special or holy.
realism/realistic	How much a piece of art shows things in the world as they are.
pictorial narrative	The message or story in a work of art.

4. Concepts

Identity and Community	worship 	Self/spirit/consciousness 
Ultimate Questions	Who am I? 	

5. Contexts

- Over the centuries, Cornwall's remoteness, landscape and culture have set it apart from other areas of Great Britain- many people go to Cornwall to experience these things, including artists and musicians.
- The UK is just one place where the numbers of people who are "religious" is declining. Even so, many people still look beyond their everyday experiences for meaning and purpose.