

What they said

Activity 3: Comprehension questions

1. What kind of texts are they (e.g. letters, essays, the spoken word, etc.)?
2. Who wrote / said them and when? Put them in chronological order.
3. Which text or texts:
 - a) is / are connected with the Church? Why?
 - b) was / were a contradiction of the author's true thoughts?
 - c) show/s through a poem the de-stabilising effect of the discoveries on ordinary people?
 - d) list/s the invention of printing as well as scientific discoveries as of huge cultural importance?
 - e) say/s that there are universal laws which govern the cosmos and that there must be life on other planets?
 - f) reveal/s that the great new astronomers were in touch with each other?
4. Summarise the main purpose of each text.