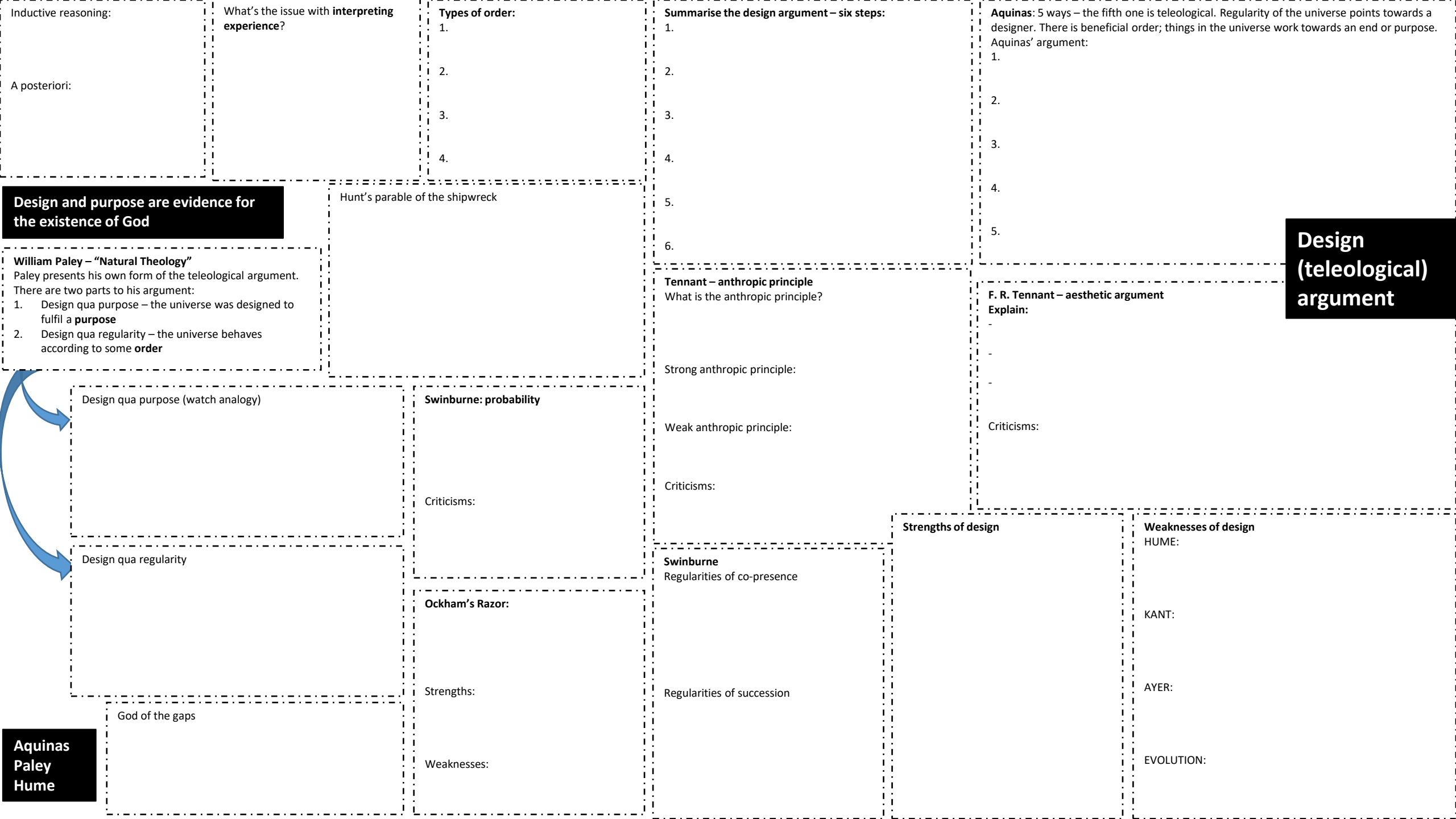
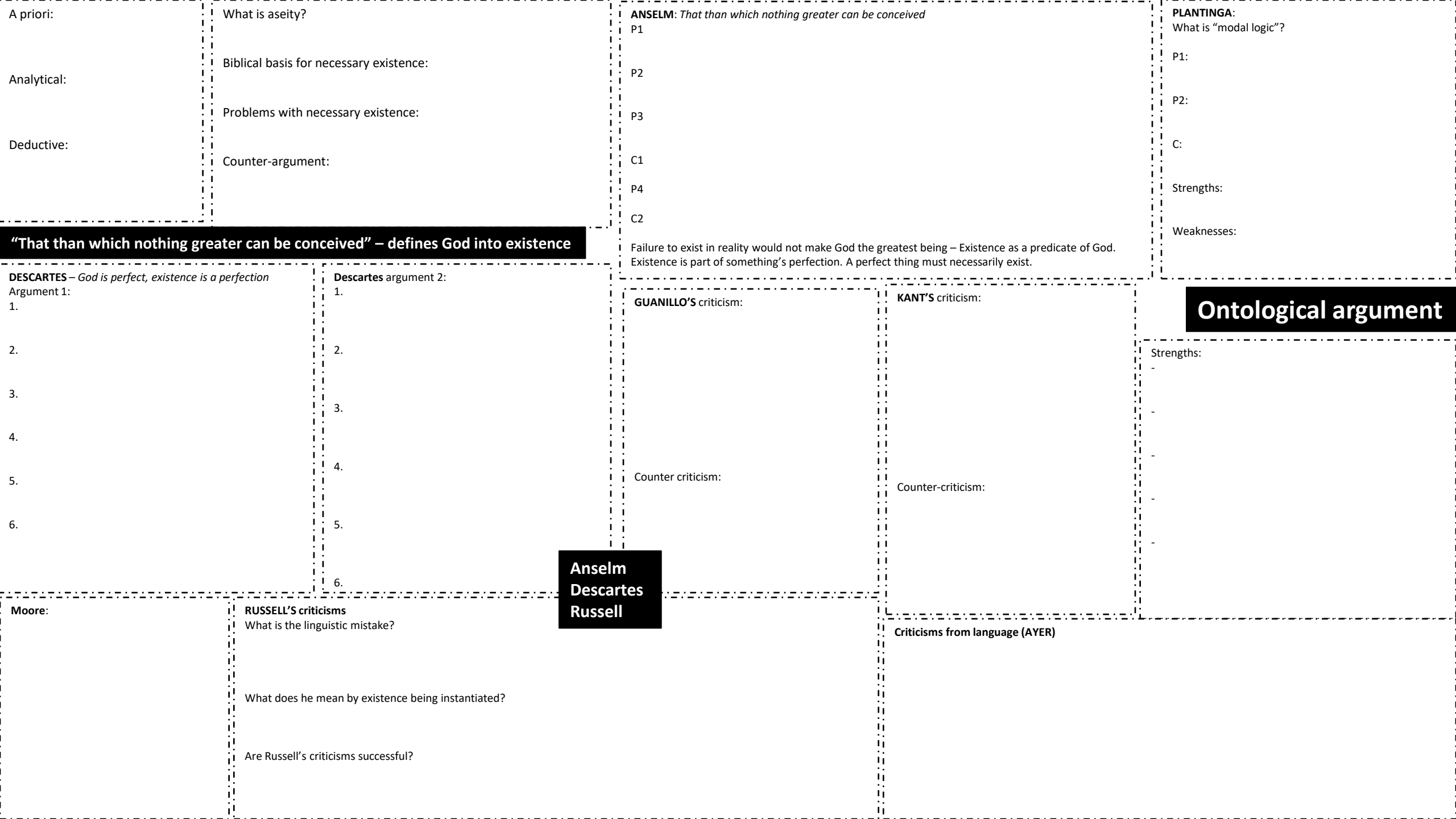
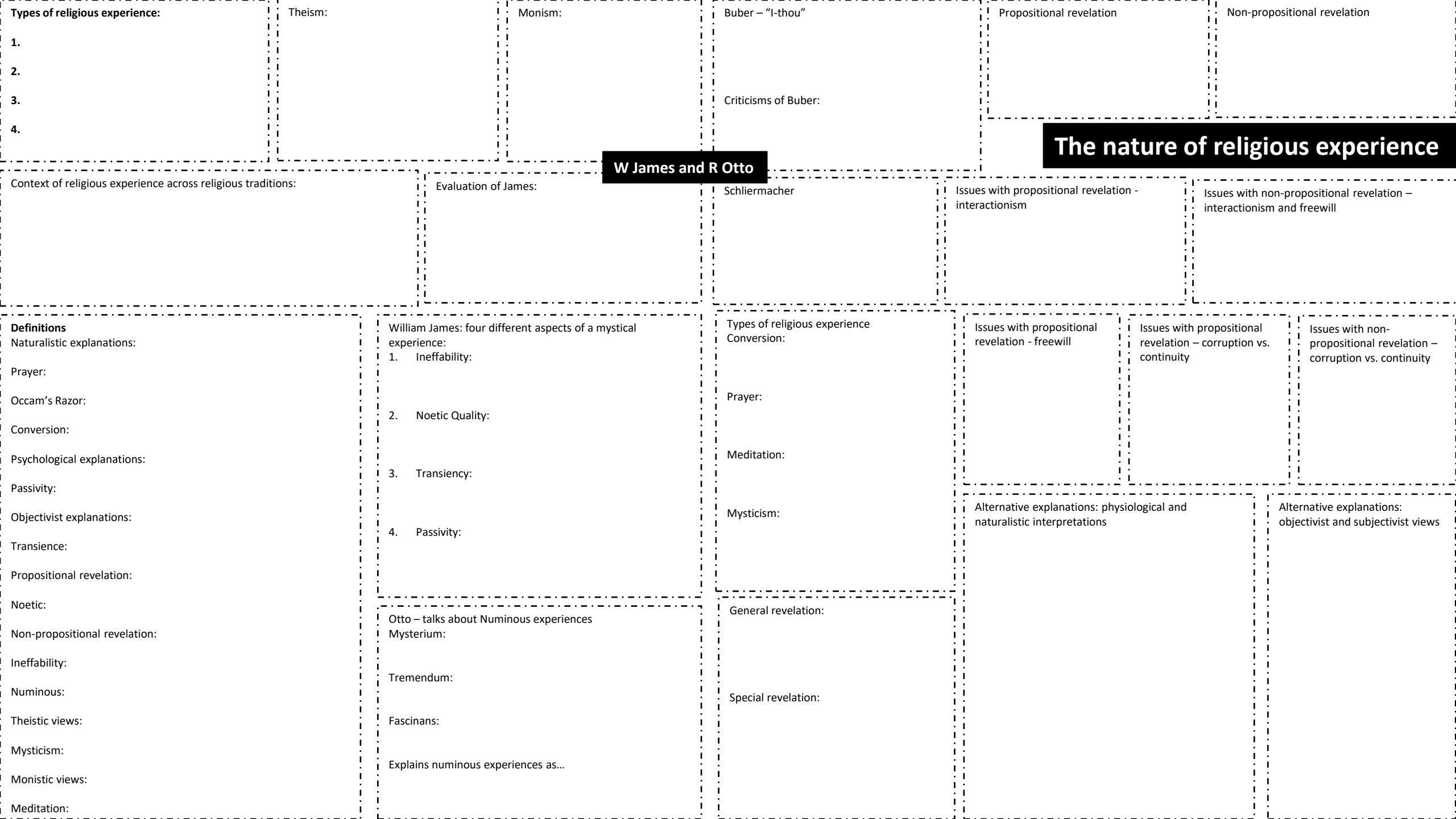
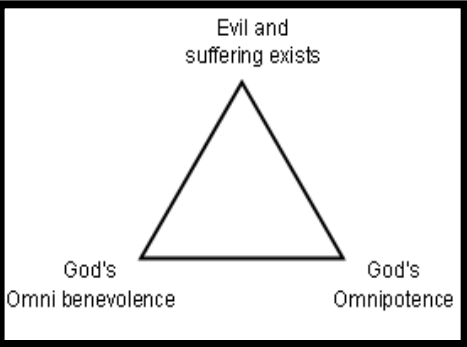








Inductive reasoning based on evidence	The value of role of testimony to religious experience:	Swinburne, Hick, Persinger, Dawkins	Influence of religious experience as an argument for the existence of God	
The link between appearances, how things seem, how things really are and conclusions drawn from experience about reality and existence	Strengths and weaknesses of religious experience as an argument for the existence of God <i>Religious context –</i>	Criticisms of religious experience Freud:	Can religious experience show that God exists?	
	<i>Sensory experience –</i>	Marx:	YES	NO
	<i>Complexity of interpretations –</i>	Hume:		
Testimony	<i>Issues of probability and proof –</i>	Dawkins:		
	<i>Nature of God –</i>	Culturally specific:		
Cumulative argument	<i>Limitations of language –</i>	Criticisms of religious experience: Persinger's helmet		
Credulity – Swinburne says there's only three types of evidence that should be taken as rendering someone's testimony unreliable:	<i>Lack of uniformity of experiences –</i>			
1.				
2.				
3.				
	Response to the criticisms:	Evaluation:		

Natural evil:	Mackie's inconsistent triad:	Freewill defence Mackie asks how can this count as a solution to the problem of evil, given that God created the freewilled creatures? A theist's response is...	Hume calls evil 'the rock of atheism', meaning...	The nature of evil and suffering in Judaism:
E.g.				
Moral evil:	Steps to Mackie's argument: P1: P2: P3: C1: C2: P3: C3:	Mackie then questions... Mackie believes the freewill debate exposes a contradiction in an omnipotent God:	His book <i>Dialogues concerning natural religion</i> takes the form of a play, in which the character Philo presents the problem of evil. Hume's character Philo addresses the evidential problem of evil by using the analogy of the Stranger:	Islam:
E.g.				
Epicurus quote:				
Logical problem of evil:		Strengths of Mackie:	Also the house full of imperfections:	Hinduism:
	Evil and suffering exists  God's Omni benevolence God's Omnipotence			
Evidential problem of evil:	Problem of evil and suffering Hume Mackie	Weaknesses of Mackie:	Weaknesses of Hume:	Strengths of Hume:

What is a theodicy?	Misuse of freewill by humans – Augustine:	Significance of reconciliation:	Augustine and Iranaeus	What is process theodicy? (e.g. how does it solve the problem of evil?)	Anthology: Mackie’s critiques of the theodicies
Leibniz says a theodicy must: 1. 2. 3.			Strengths of Iranaean theodicy:		
Three types of theodicy: 1. 2. 3.	Strengths of Augustine:	Iranaean theodicy:	Weaknesses of Iranaean theodicy:	How is God a fellow sufferer?	
What is ‘privation of good’?			Epistemic distance:		
Examples:	Weaknesses of Augustine:	Eschatological justification:			
What does privation theory assume?			Best of all possible words:	Criticisms of process theodicy:	
Why can pure evil not exist?	Misuse of freewill by angels:	Hick’s soul-making:			
Objections to privation of good; - - -			What is process theology?		
Soul-deciding:	Criticism of soul-deciding:		What is panentheism?		
					Theodicies and solutions to the problem of evil

What is philosophy of language?	Aquinas argued that religious language is analogous, meaning...	Context of logical positivism and the Vienna circle on religious language:	A problem of verification:	Falsification – Blike – Hare:	Language games – Phillips:	Critique of picture theory:
What’s the problem?			This led Ayer to the weak verification principle, which is...			
What is cognitivist?	Analogy of proportionality:	Verification principle:		Hick’s criticism of Bliks:		Language as functional:
What is non-cognitivist?	Analogy of attribution:	Analytic statements:	Criticisms of verification:			
		Synthetic statements:				
What is via negativa?	Criticisms of analogy:	Ayer says that religious statements are neither, therefore...		Religious Language	Significance of fideism:	Language games – Wittgenstein:
				Mitchell’s criticisms of falsification:		
What is univocal language?		Strengths of verification:				
Example:	Tillich – what is a symbol?		Eschatological verification:		Strengths of language games:	Language games and religion:
Problems with univocal language:	How is it different to a sign?			Analogy of the resistance fighter:		
What is equivocal language?						
Example:	Example of a religious symbol and its significance:	Problems interpreting symbols:	Falsification – Flew:		Weaknesses of language games:	
Problems with equivocal language:				Aquinas Tillich Ayer Mitchell	Phillips Wittgenstein Flew	



Weak atheism:

Strong atheism:

Agnosticism:

What is a functional explanation?

What is a projection explanation?

Dawkins' critique of religious belief:

How does Melvin Tinker oppose Dawkins?

What was the Deist Project?

Explain the context of the Enlightenment:

Kant

Why might people be atheist?

Emile Durkheim's critique of religious belief:

Criticism of Durkheim:

Kierkegaard:

Nietzsche:

How and why did the era of 'philosophical theology' become the 'era of philosophy of religion'?

Scheiermacher

What is the burden of proof?

Karl Marx's critique of religious belief:

Criticisms of Marx:

Hume:

What is Deism?

What is Scholasticism?

Hegel

Dawkins and Westphal

Copleston’s argument from contingency:	Copleston argues that it is possible to distinguish between a necessary and a contingent being. How does Russell respond?	Good Copleston quotes:	Russell’s criticism ‘There is no reason why everything needs to have an explanation!’	Copleston’s response
What Leibniz’ principle of sufficient reason?	Copleston argues that all things must have a cause for their existence and therefore there must be a necessary being to provide a reason for all this dependency. How does Russell respond?	Good Russell quotes:	‘Everything could just hold everything else together!’ ‘Why should there be just one explanation?’	‘It doesn’t have to be God that holds everything together.’
How do Copleston and Russell disagree about the principle of sufficient reason?	Copleston argues that the universe is the totality of the objects inside of it. How does Russell respond?	Good Russell quotes:	Copleston on religious experience:	Copleston appeals to three factors: Russell’s criticism of Copleston’s points on religious experience: How are these ideas applied to issues in religion and belief?

Works of scholars: Copleston vs. Russell

What is immortality of the soul?	What is Replica theory (Hick)?	Plato's first argument for dualism:	Strengths of dualism:	Features of near-death experiences:
				Problems with near death experiences as evidence for LAD:
What is rebirth?	Problems with Replica theory:	Plato's second argument for dualism:	Weaknesses of dualism:	
				Swinburne's argument from credulity applied to NDEs:
What is resurrection of the body?	What is resurrection of the body?	Are Plato's arguments convincing?		
Strengths:		Aristotle's argument for dualism:	What is monism?	Evidence for LAD:
Weaknesses:	Strengths:		Strengths:	Criticisms of the evidence:
	Weaknesses:	Are Aristotle's arguments convincing?	Weaknesses:	
What is reincarnation?			What is the argument for life after death from moral reasoning?	Criticisms of LAD from language (Flew):
	What is dualism?	Descartes:		
Strengths:			Criticism:	Response to Flew:
Weaknesses:	Three types of dualism: 1. 2. 3.			
		Hick, Plato and Aristotle		

Explain scientific methodologies:	Is the transgression of natural law enough to call an event a miracle?	Hume’s criticisms of miracles – enlightenment context:	What is the Big Bang theory?	What is intelligent design?
Religion and Science	Religious significance of miracles Swinburne:	Hume’s criticisms of miracles:	Evidence for the Big Bang:	Strengths:
	John Locke:			Weaknesses:
	Gareth Moore:	Responses to Hume:	What is steady state theory?	What is irreducible complexity?
What are miracles?	Ray Holland – beneficial coincidence		What is the theory of evolution?	What is creationism?
Hume’s definition:				
Mackie’s definition:				
How are the laws of nature violated?	Aquinas’ view of miracles	Other argument against miracles:	Darwin and Dawkins	What is cosmological constant?
			What is the Gaia Hypothesis?	
			Analysis:	