**Lesson Plan Package 3 – Controversial Issues**

**LP3 – The Role of Religion**

**Top Tips for Critical Thinking Handout**

Key skill for engaging in controversial discussion: critical thinking

*Top tips for developing critical thinking around an issue:*

* Acknowledge which sources you have and haven’t consulted/ are and aren’t exposed to
* Try to establish the source’s bias and look out for any red flags: harmful/ de-humanising language, etc.
* Separate opinion from fact: fact-check the latter
* Reflect on your own response (how do you feel? What do you think of it?) to that information and what bias of your own that response reflects
* Seek opposing, alternative or a broad range of views on an issue in order to compare and contrast, getting a fuller picture

