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LO: To write a poem about British values

What are British values?

British values are the things we believe in as a country. These things are split into 4 categories:

1. Democracy
2. The rule of law
3. Individual liberty
4. Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith.



Democracy

Democracy means 'ruled by the people'. The people in England don't really rule over the land, but if you are a British citizen over 18 years old, you can vote to decide who will be our prime minister, and who will be a part of our government.

This is democracy. We help decide who will rule.



The rule of law

The rule of law is all about making sure we follow the law and people are given a fair trial if they break the law.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-british-values-the-rule-of-law/zc2bsk7>



Individual liberty

Individual liberty means that we all have the right to be free, and to express ourselves how we want to. If you want long hair, you can. If you want to pierce your ears, you can. If you want to cut all your hair off, you can.



Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith.

This British value is all about respecting others who believe different things.

Some people are Muslim, some are Christian, some people are Hindu, and there are lots of other religions. Some people don't believe in any religion at all. It is important that we respect everyone equally, and we don't discriminate based on what people look like or what they believe.



These are some poems about British values:

T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E

Don't commiserate
 Try to tolerate!
 Always share and be fair.
 You have freedom,
 So you should respect those in your kingdom.
 To have unity,
 You should love your community.
 Open up your ears:
 Listen to each other's ideas.
 When you're with your brother,
 You should appreciate each other.
 We feel kindness, fairness and happiness!
 Show respect,
 Speak direct.
 Just
 Respect!



Upon this land we believe...

A faith is a way of life that you choose as your belief;
 However, you think, we are all the same underneath.
 Upon this island there are mainly Christian views,
 C of E, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Jews.
 Roman Catholic students say prayers to the Pope,
 Every religion asks for the helping hand of hope.

Upon this island we have respect in law, the views of others,
 We tolerate and accommodate like sisters and brothers.
 Whether Muslims under mosque dome or Christians under church steeple,
 Upon this island we are a spiritual, respectful people.
 New Age, Amish, Rastafarian or Scientologist,
 At the end of the day, however you pray, the point will not be missed.
 Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism or Quaker,
 Every belief wants you to be a peace maker.
 Upon this island, the number of faiths we follow grows,
 For unity in the community the river of respect flows.
 Whichever faith you choose, you are protected by the law,
 Upon this island all citizens should feel safe and secure.
 Even if you don't believe, that will not be seen as odd,
 Peace, love and unity will be taught by every God.
 So many faith systems side by side, holding out a helping hand,
 This is how we do things upon this great and green island.

Can you create your own poem about British Values?

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