What does the **RGS standard** look like in RE?

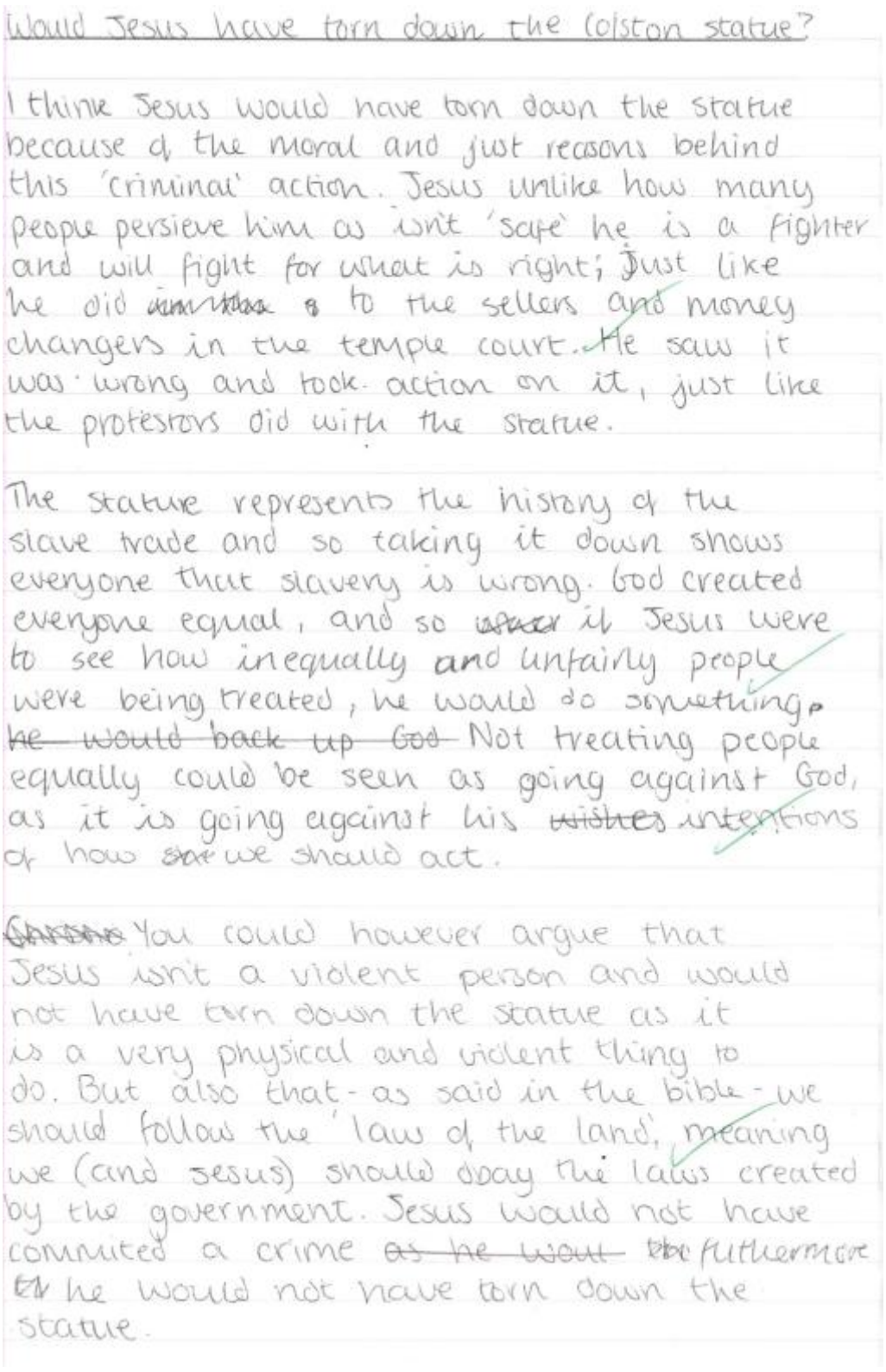
Year group: 9

Task: ***Would Jesus have torn down the Colston statue?***

Clear line of argument for the outset

Sees the links between history, belief and action.

Consideration of an alternative view with religious evidence



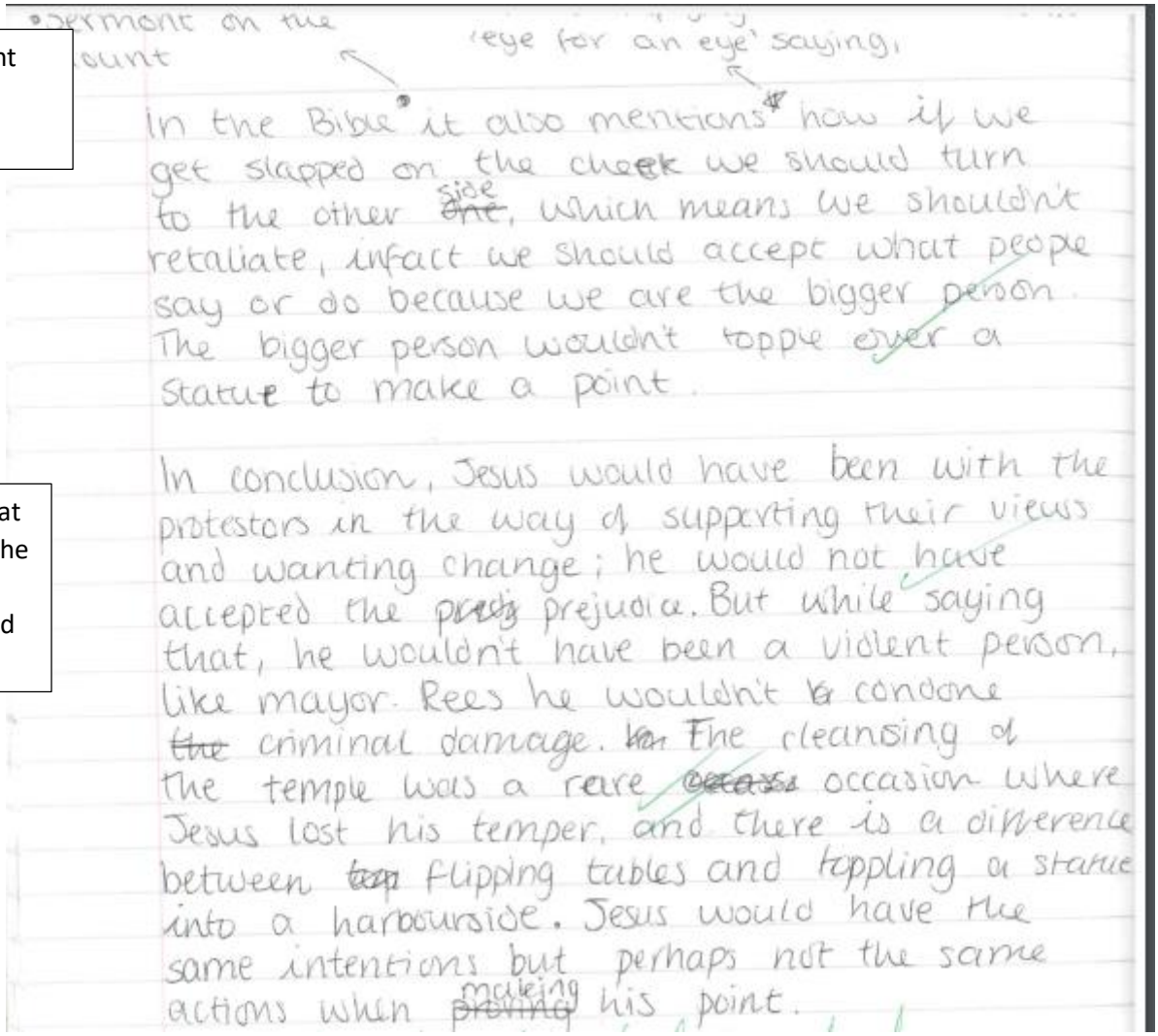
Would Jesus have torn down the Colston statue?

I think Jesus would have torn down the statue because of the moral and just reasons behind this 'criminal' action. Jesus unlike how many people persieve him as isn't 'safe' he is a fighter and will fight for what is right; just like he did ~~[illegible]~~ to the sellers and money changers in the temple court. He saw it was wrong and took action on it, just like the protestors did with the statue.

The statue represents the history of the slave trade and so taking it down shows everyone that slavery is wrong. God created everyone equal, and so ~~[illegible]~~ if Jesus were to see how inequally and unfairly people were being treated, he would do something. ~~He would back up God~~ Not treating people equally could be seen as going against God, as it is going against his ~~wishes~~ intentions of how ~~[illegible]~~ we should act.

~~[illegible]~~ You could however argue that Jesus isn't a violent person and would not have torn down the statue as it is a very physical and violent thing to do. But also that - as said in the bible - we should follow the 'law of the land', meaning we (and Jesus) should obey the laws created by the government. Jesus would not have commited a crime ~~as he would~~ the furthermore he would not have torn down the statue.

Counter argument with religious evidence



sermon on the mount

'eye for an eye' saying,

In the Bible it also mentions how if we get slapped on the cheek we should turn to the other ~~one~~ side, which means we shouldn't retaliate, infact we should accept what people say or do because we are the bigger person. The bigger person wouldn't topple over a statue to make a point.

In conclusion, Jesus would have been with the protestors in the way of supporting their views and wanting change; he would not have accepted the ~~prej~~ prejudice. But while saying that, he wouldn't have been a violent person, like mayor Rees he wouldn't ~~to~~ condone ~~the~~ criminal damage. ~~He~~ The cleansing of the temple was a rare ~~occass~~ occasion where Jesus lost his temper, and there is a difference between ~~top~~ flipping tables and toppling a statue into a harbourside. Jesus would have the same intentions but perhaps not the same actions when ~~proving~~ making his point.

A conclusion that acknowledges the complexities of this issues raised in this unit

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