

Exploring Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To understand the importance of sacred texts in different religions and explain how they guide believers.

Use the prompts below to write your report about a sacred text. Think about which book you have studied and how it is used by people today.

Many religions have a special book known as a sacred text, which contains important teachings and stories.

Word bank: significant · guidance · tradition · scripture · belief · respected · teaching · furthermore · consequently · in addition

1. What is the name of the sacred text you are writing about, and which religion does it belong to? (e.g. The name of the book is... It is used by people who follow...) (1 mark)

2. How is this book treated with respect by believers? (e.g. People show this text is special by...) (2 marks)

3. What are some of the main stories or teachings found inside this text? (e.g. One important teaching in this book is... This tells believers that...) (2 marks)

4. How does this sacred text help a person to make decisions in their daily life? (e.g. When a person is unsure what to do, they might...) (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important for a religious community to have a shared sacred text? (e.g. Having a sacred text is important because...) (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you compare this sacred text to another one you have learned about? Explain one way they are similar and one way they are different.