

The Treasure of Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To understand what sacred texts are and why they are important to different faith communities.

Read the story about Pip and the library, then answer the questions in full sentences.

Pip the caterpillar loved visiting the Great Library. One rainy afternoon, Pip found a special section called 'Sacred Texts'. Pip noticed that people from all over the world have books that are very special to them. These are called sacred texts.

Pip learned that for some, the Bible provides stories and laws to live by. Others look to the Qur'an for guidance and wisdom. Pip also read about the Torah and the Vedas, which help people understand their history and how to treat others with kindness.

These books are more than just stories; they are like maps for the heart. They tell people how to pray, how to celebrate festivals, and how to be good members of their community. Pip noticed that people treat these books with great respect, often keeping them in clean, safe places. Pip realised that while the books are different, they all aim to help people lead a good and meaningful life.

Word bank: sacred · guidance · tradition · community · scripture

1. Name two of the sacred texts mentioned in the text. (2 marks)

2. According to the passage, how do people treat their sacred texts? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author describe these books as 'maps for the heart'? (3 marks)

4. How can you tell that Pip is interested in learning about different cultures? (3 marks)

5. Do you think it is important for people to have a set of rules or guidance to follow? Explain why you think this. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar in the Great Library, surrounded by colorful books from different faiths.



Extension challenge: Can you think of a 'sacred' or very special book or object in your own life? Write a short paragraph explaining why it is important to you.