

Exploring Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To understand what sacred texts are and identify the holy books used in different world religions.

Pip the caterpillar is collecting important words about holy books! Use your knowledge of different religions to answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you with the names of the texts.

Word bank: The Bible · The Qur'an · The Torah · The Guru Granth Sahib · Sacred · Scripture

1. What does the word 'sacred' mean when we describe a book or a place? (1 mark)

2. Match the religion to its sacred text:

1. Christianity
2. Islam
3. Judaism
4. Sikhism (4 marks)

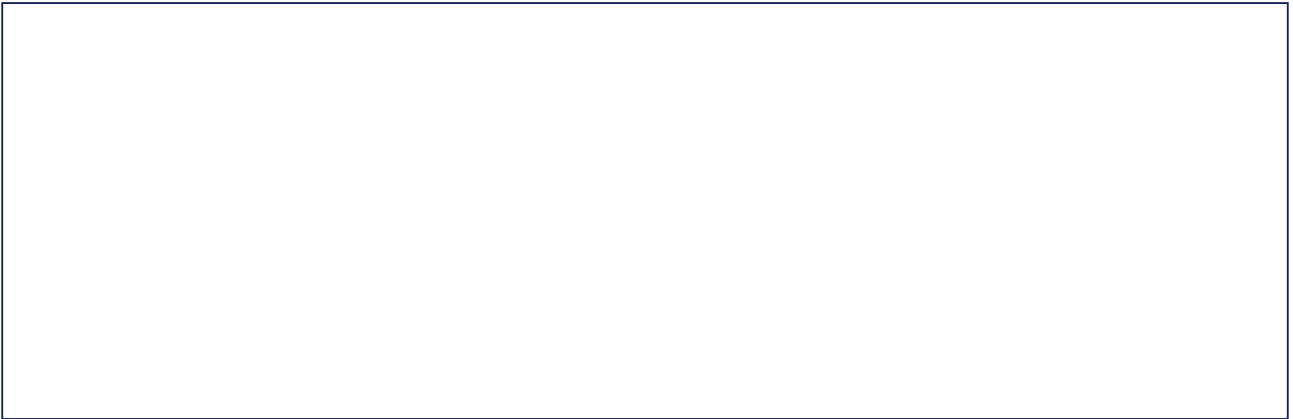
3. Why do you think people treat their holy books with extra care and respect? (2 marks)

4. Many sacred texts contain 'commandments' or 'rules'. Give one example of a rule a person might find in a holy book to help them be a kinder person. (2 marks)

5. How can a sacred text help a believer in their daily life? (2 marks)

6. If Max the monkey wanted to learn about the history of a religion, why would reading its sacred text be a good place to start? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special place where a sacred text might be kept, such as a temple, a church, a mosque, or a synagogue.



Extension challenge: Research a famous story or parable from one of the sacred texts mentioned in the word bank. Write a short summary of the lesson the story teaches us.