

Exploring Sacred Texts: A Personal Reflection

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of sacred texts within different religions and reflect on how they guide believers in their daily lives.

Choose a sacred text you have studied in class (such as the Torah, the Bible, the Qur'an, the Guru Granth Sahib, or the Vedas). Use this template to record your research and personal reflections. Ensure you use accurate terminology and provide thoughtful explanations for your answers.

Word bank: revelation · tradition · guidance · scripture · sacred · moral · community · interpretation · veneration · teachings

1. Name of the Sacred Text and the religion it belongs to: Identify the text you are researching and explain its origin. (2 marks)

2. Key Teachings: Summarise two main messages or stories found within this text. Why are these teachings considered important to believers? (4 marks)

3. Veneration and Respect: Describe how this text is treated, stored, or used during acts of worship. Justify why believers show such high levels of respect. (3 marks)

4. Comparing Perspectives: Compare this text to another sacred text you have studied. What are the similarities and differences in their purpose? (4 marks)

5. Applying Wisdom: Explain why a sacred text might be described as a 'moral compass' for a person. Give an example of how a specific teaching could influence a person's actions. (4 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: What might happen to a religious community if their sacred text was lost or forgotten? Justify your reasoning. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a new piece of wisdom literature for future generations. What core values would you include, and why are these values essential for living a kind and peaceful life? Write a paragraph explaining your choices.