

Exploring the Sikh Faith with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand and describe the key beliefs and practices of Sikhism, including the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib and the concept of Seva.

Use this writing frame to help you organise your research into the Sikh faith. Refer to your class notes and use the word bank to help you construct detailed, thoughtful sentences.

Sikhism is a faith that began in the Punjab region of India and focuses on the importance of equality, honesty, and serving others.

Word bank: Guru Granth Sahib · Seva · Equality · Community · Gurdwara · Langar · Respect · Selfless service · Therefore · Furthermore · In addition · Consequently

1. The Guru Granth Sahib: Explain why the Guru Granth Sahib is treated with such great respect by Sikhs. You could start by saying: The Guru Granth Sahib is considered the living Guru, therefore... (3 marks)

2. The Gurdwara: Compare and contrast the Gurdwara with other places of worship you have studied. You might consider: The Gurdwara is a place where everyone is welcome, unlike... (3 marks)

3. The Concept of Seva: Justify why 'Seva' (selfless service) is such a vital part of a Sikh's daily life. Start by writing: Seva is important because it helps the community by... (3 marks)

4. Langar: What might happen if a Gurdwara did not provide the Langar kitchen? Explain your reasoning: If the Langar kitchen were removed, it would change the community because... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the meaning of equality to someone who has never heard of it. How would you use the Sikh principle of the 'Langar' to illustrate this concept? Write a persuasive paragraph justifying why equality is the most important value in a society.