

The Significance of Easter: A Reflective Writing Frame

Learning objective: To articulate an understanding of the Christian celebration of Easter, identifying its historical and symbolic significance.

Use this scaffold to structure your writing about Easter. Think about how the themes of new life and sacrifice are interpreted by Christians. Use the word bank to help make your sentences more complex.

Easter is a season of profound significance for Christians, marking the culmination of Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection.

Word bank: furthermore · symbolises · consequently · resurrection · reflection · traditionally · significance · hopeful · nevertheless · commemorate

1. The Events of Holy Week: Explain the importance of the events leading up to Easter Sunday. How might these events influence a believer's perspective on sacrifice? Start with: During the week leading up to Easter, Christians remember... (3 marks)

2. Symbols of New Life: Compare and contrast how different symbols, such as eggs or flowers, represent the theme of 'new life'. Why are these symbols effective? Start with: Common symbols of Easter include... which represent... (3 marks)

3. The Meaning of Resurrection: Justify why the resurrection is considered the most vital part of the Easter story for Christians. Start with: The resurrection is of paramount importance because... (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: How might the themes of Easter, such as hope and renewal, be relevant to someone who is not a Christian? Start with: Even for those who do not follow the Christian faith, the themes of Easter... (2 marks)

5. Evaluate the Impact: What might happen if the traditions associated with Easter were removed? Would the message of the festival remain the same? Start with: If the traditions of Easter were to vanish, the core message would... (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise your thoughts on the legacy of Easter. Start with: In conclusion, Easter remains a powerful time for reflection because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who loves history. Write a diary entry explaining how the way Easter is celebrated has evolved over time. Contrast the solemnity of Good Friday with the joy of Easter Sunday, and justify why these two contrasting moods are both necessary.