

A Journey of Faith: The Pilgrimage Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of pilgrimage, identify key reasons why people undertake them, and recognise the significance of sacred sites in major world religions.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a reflective journey! Use your knowledge of religious practices to answer these questions. Read each question carefully before choosing your answer.

Answer Key: 1. A (A journey to a sacred place), 2. True, 3. False (It is a duty for Muslims), 4. Jerusalem, 5. B (Reflection and devotion), 6. True, 7. Varanasi, 8. C (A holy site), 9. True, 10. False (They are often very physically challenging).

Word bank: Pilgrimage · Sacred · Hajj · Varanasi · Jerusalem · Reflection · Shrine · Journey

1. What is the best definition of a pilgrimage? A) A holiday to the beach, B) A journey to a sacred place for religious reasons, C) A school trip to a museum, D) A walk to the local shops. *Correct: B (1 mark)

2. True or False: A pilgrim is someone who travels to a place they consider holy. (1 mark)

3. True or False: For Muslims, the Hajj is an optional holiday that they can choose to ignore. (1 mark)

4. Which city is considered a place of pilgrimage for Jews, Christians, and Muslims? (One word) (1 mark)

5. Why might someone go on a pilgrimage? A) To win a prize, B) For spiritual reflection and devotion, C) To buy souvenirs, D) To get exercise. *Correct: B (1 mark)

6. True or False: Pilgrimages have been part of human history for thousands of years. (1 mark)

7. Which city is famous for Hindu pilgrims who travel there to bathe in the River Ganges? (One word) (1 mark)

8. What is a 'shrine'? A) A type of animal, B) A delicious meal, C) A holy place or container for sacred objects, D) A piece of clothing. *Correct: C (1 mark)

9. True or False: Pilgrims often use special clothing or symbols to show their devotion. (1 mark)

10. True or False: Pilgrimages are always easy, comfortable journeys that cost very little money. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map showing a path leading to a place that is special or 'sacred' to you. Include symbols along the path that represent things you might think about during a quiet, reflective journey.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why a person might feel that a physical journey is necessary to strengthen their faith. 2. Compare and contrast the purpose of a holiday with the purpose of a pilgrimage. 3. Justify your answer: Is a pilgrimage about the destination or the journey itself? 4. What might happen if a religious group suddenly stopped visiting their most sacred sites? 5. Imagine you are a travel guide for pilgrims; write a short paragraph describing the qualities a pilgrim needs, such as patience or humility. 6. Research a specific pilgrimage route (e.g., The Camino de Santiago) and explain why it is historically significant.