

My Pilgrimage Fact-File: A Journey of Faith

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of a pilgrimage and identify why people travel to special places of religious significance.

Join Ellie the elephant on a historical journey! Use this fact-file to research and record your findings about a specific pilgrimage. Think about why someone might undertake this journey and what it means to them. Fill in the boxes below to build your own guide.

Word bank: Pilgrimage · Sacred · Faith · Journey · Destination · Tradition · Reflection · Holy site

1. The Destination: Which place of pilgrimage have you chosen to research? Describe where it is and why it is considered a sacred or special site. (2 marks)

2. The Reason: Why do people go on a pilgrimage to this place? Explain the religious or personal reasons for the journey. (3 marks)

3. The Journey: How do pilgrims travel to this site today, and what might they do once they arrive to show their devotion? (2 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: If you were a pilgrim, how would you feel at the end of your journey? Describe your thoughts and emotions. (2 marks)

5. Key Symbols: List two important symbols or items that are associated with this pilgrimage and explain what they represent. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant. Write a short postcard to your friend Pip the caterpillar describing one thing you saw or learned at your chosen pilgrimage site.