

My Place of Worship Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key features and purposes of a place of worship, reflecting on how they serve a religious community.

Use this fact-file to record what you have learned about a specific place of worship. You can use your school library books or trusted resources to research the building. Think about how the special features help people during their prayers or celebrations. If you need help remembering a specific term, look at the word bank!

Word bank: Sanctuary · Congregation · Symbol · Ritual · Altar · Community · Architecture · Sacred · Worship · Deity

1. Name of the place of worship and the religion it belongs to: Write the name of the building and the faith that gathers there. (2 marks)

2. Key Features: Describe two important objects or architectural features found inside or outside the building (e.g., a dome, a stained-glass window, or a prayer mat). Why are they important? (4 marks)

3. Purpose of the Space: Explain what the congregation does when they visit. Is it a place for quiet reflection, singing, or learning? (3 marks)

4. Community Connection: How does this place of worship bring people together? Give an example of a celebration or a way they help their local neighbourhood. (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were to design a space for people to feel peaceful and reflective, what is one thing you would include and why? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant visiting this place of worship for the first time. Write a short paragraph in your history journal explaining why this building is important to the history and identity of the people who worship there.