

Exploring Jewish Beliefs and Traditions

Learning objective: To describe and explain the significance of key practices and beliefs in Judaism.

Use the prompts below to structure your writing. Think about the importance of community, sacred texts, and rituals. Ensure you use the vocabulary provided in the word bank to explain your ideas clearly.

Judaism is one of the world's oldest religions, and it is built upon a foundation of faith, history, and a special relationship with the Divine.

Word bank: covenant · Torah · synagogue · Shabbat · monotheism · tradition · significance · furthermore · consequently · in addition to

1. What does the concept of monotheism mean in Judaism? Start your sentence with: 'A core belief in Judaism is monotheism, which means...' (2 marks)

2. Explain the importance of the Torah. Start your sentence with: 'The Torah is considered the most sacred text because...' (2 marks)

3. Describe the purpose of a synagogue. Start your sentence with: 'A synagogue serves as a place for...' (2 marks)

4. What happens during Shabbat? Start your sentence with: 'Shabbat is a special time for families to...' (2 marks)

5. Why are traditions important to the Jewish community? Start your sentence with: 'Traditions like these are important because they...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research one Jewish festival, such as Hanukkah or Rosh Hashanah. Write a paragraph explaining what happens during the festival and why it is celebrated.