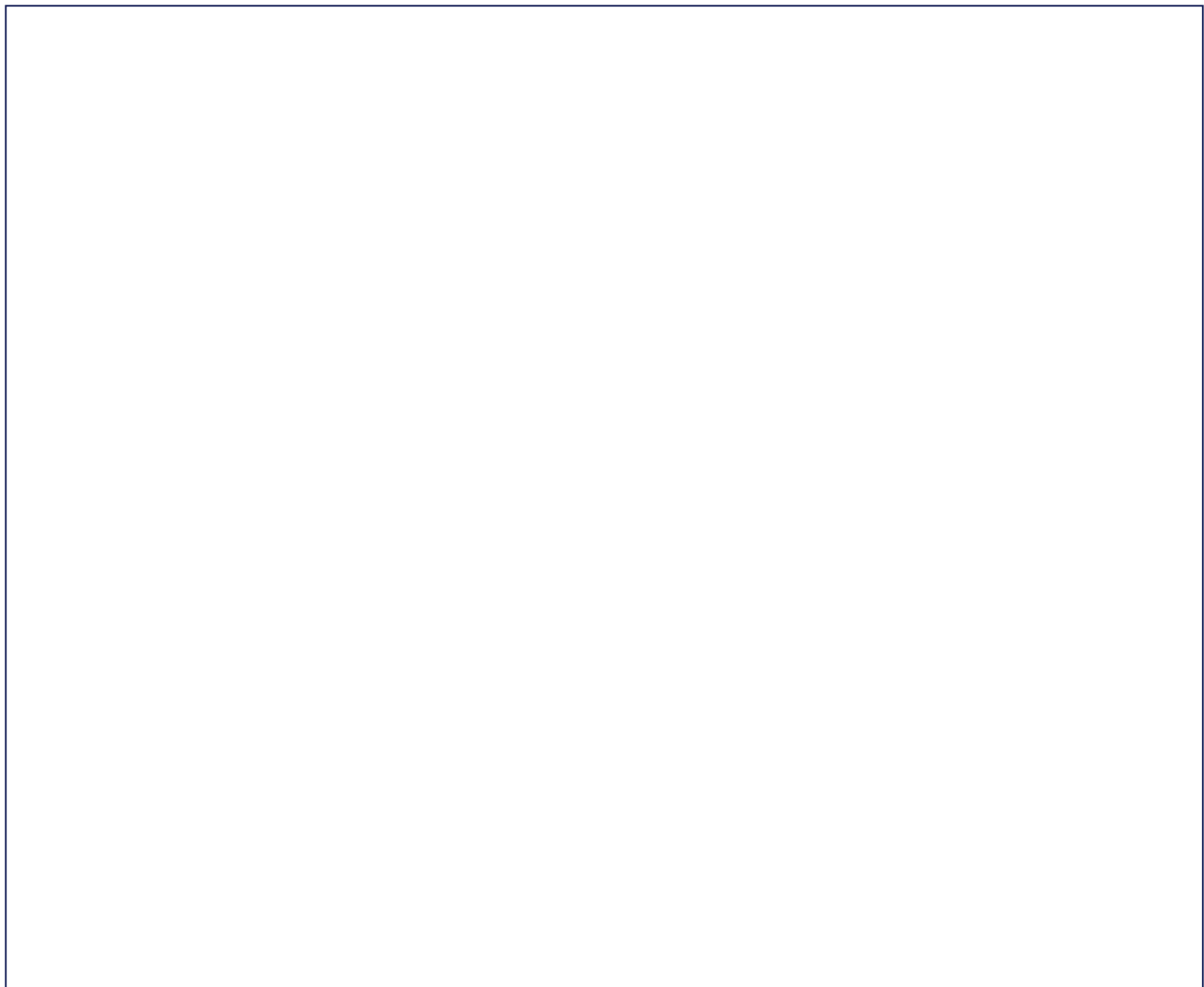


Exploring Sacred Spaces: My Place of Worship

Learning objective: To identify and understand the key features and symbolic objects found within a place of worship.

Use the drawing space provided to create a detailed diagram of a place of worship. You may choose to draw a church, mosque, synagogue, gurdwara, or mandir. Ensure you include the key features listed in the word bank and label them clearly.

Draw: Draw a large, clear scene representing a place of worship of your choice. Fill the page with detail, including both the interior and exterior features. Use a landscape orientation. Use a sharp pencil to draw the structural outlines (walls, roof, windows) and a fine-liner or colored pencils to add the sacred objects (like a cross, star and crescent, or murtis). Ensure there is enough empty space around your drawing to add neat labels with arrows pointing to your chosen features.



Label words: Altar · Minaret · Bimah · Nishan Sahib · Shrine · Stained glass · Prayer mat · Pews · Symbol

Steps:

1. Select one feature you have drawn. Explain why this object or area is important to the people who worship there.
2. List two ways that the design of a place of worship helps people feel calm or reflective.

3. Why do many places of worship have specific symbols on the outside of the building?
4. Label three items in your drawing that are used during a ceremony or act of worship.
5. Describe one way the layout of your chosen building encourages people to come together as a community.