

Exploring Sacred Texts: Wisdom and Guidance

Learning objective: To understand the importance of sacred texts within religious traditions and how they provide moral guidance and stories to believers.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of world religions to provide thoughtful, well-reasoned answers.

Sacred texts are considered holy by followers of different religions. They contain stories, laws, prayers, and advice on how to live a good life. From the Torah and the Bible to the Quran, the Guru Granth Sahib, and the Vedas, these books are treated with great respect. Believers often use these texts to help them make decisions, find comfort, and connect with their faith. They are not just books, but pathways to understanding the world and the divine.

Word bank: Scripture · Guidance · Tradition · Holy · Commandment · Parable · Reverence · Interpretation

1. Identify two different sacred texts from world religions and name the faith that considers each one holy. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think believers treat their sacred texts with such special care and reverence? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey believes that sacred texts are like 'instruction manuals for life'. How does this metaphor help us understand the role of scripture in a believer's daily routine? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast how a story (such as a parable) in a sacred text might teach a moral lesson compared to a story you might read in an ordinary fiction book. (4 marks)

5. What might happen if a community did not have a shared sacred text to guide their traditions and moral beliefs? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Imagine you are designing a beautiful cover for a book of wisdom. Draw a cover that uses patterns and symbols to represent peace, kindness, and truth.



Extension challenge: Choose one moral value, such as 'honesty' or 'forgiveness'. Research or reflect on how this value is taught in a specific sacred text. Write a short paragraph explaining why this value remains important in the modern world, even if the text was written thousands of years ago.