

Sacred Texts: A Fact-File for Exploration

Learning objective: To understand the significance of sacred texts in religious traditions and identify key features such as origin, core teachings, and how they are treated with respect.

Choose a religion you have been learning about in class. Use your research skills to fill in this fact-file. Think about why these books are considered 'sacred' or special to the believers who read them. Remember to write in clear, full sentences and use your best handwriting.

Word bank: Sacred · Scripture · Tradition · Reverence · Teaching · Passage · Wisdom · Interpretation · Community · History

1. The Name and Origin: What is the name of the sacred text and which religion does it belong to? Briefly describe how the text was first shared or written down. (3 marks)

2. Core Teachings: What are two key messages or pieces of wisdom found within this text? How do these teachings help believers live their daily lives? (4 marks)

3. Showing Respect: How do people within this religion show reverence (deep respect) for their sacred text? Think about where it is kept or how it is handled. (3 marks)

4. Ceremonial Use: During what types of gatherings, festivals, or special moments is this text read aloud? Why is it important to share it in a group? (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were to write a 'sacred' book about the values that are important to your own life, what would be the most important lesson you would include and why? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who loves history. Write a short paragraph explaining why sacred texts are important for preserving a community's history and identity over hundreds of years.