

Exploring Sacred Texts: A Writing Frame

Learning objective: To describe the importance of sacred texts in religious traditions and explain how they guide believers in their daily lives.

Use this scaffold to structure your report on a sacred text you have studied. Refer to Ellie's notes on history and storytelling to help you explain why these books are so special to their communities.

A sacred text acts as a compass for a religious community, holding the stories, laws, and wisdom that have been passed down through generations.

Word bank: significance · revered · tradition · guidance · moral principles · consequently · furthermore · in addition to · central to · devotion

1. Introduction: Identify your chosen sacred text and the religion it belongs to. Start by writing: The sacred text I have chosen to research is called... which is central to the faith of... (2 marks)

2. Origins and History: Explain how the text was created or revealed. Start by writing: According to tradition, this text was... (3 marks)

3. Core Teachings: Describe the main messages or laws found within the text. Start by writing: Within the pages of this text, believers find important teachings such as... (3 marks)

4. Daily Influence: How does the text affect a person's life today? Start by writing: For a believer, this book is not just a historical object; it influences their daily life by... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why these texts are treated with such respect. Start by writing: In conclusion, sacred texts are considered special because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Compare two different sacred texts. Create a Venn diagram to show one similarity in their teachings and one difference in how they are used during worship.