Exploring Sikhism: A Fact-File with Nova and Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and explain the core beliefs, practices, and places of worship within the Sikh faith.

Use this fact-file to organize your research on Sikhism. Read through your class notes or textbooks to find the information needed for each section. Remember to use clear, descriptive language and ensure your explanations show an understanding of the values held by Sikh communities.

Word bank: Guru Nanak · Guru Granth Sahib · Gurdwaras · Langar · Seva · Equality · Community · Unity · Khanda · Devotion

1. The Founder: Explain who Guru Nanak was and why he is a significant figure in the history of Sikhism. (3 marks)

2. The Holy Scripture: Describe the Guru Granth Sahib and justify why it is treated with such great respect by Sikhs. (3 marks)

3. Places of Worship: Compare and contrast a Gurdwara with other places of worship you have studied. What is unique about the atmosphere? (4 marks)

4. The Concept of Langar: Explain the purpose of the Langar and how this tradition demonstrates the Sikh value of equality. (3 marks)

5. Seva (Selfless Service): Define the term 'Seva'. Give an example of how a Sikh might put this into practice in their daily life. (3 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: What might happen to a community if the principles of Langar and Seva were not practiced? Justify your opinion. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the core beliefs of Sikhism to a friend who has never heard of the faith. Write a short persuasive paragraph describing the most important lesson you have learned about Sikh values and why you think these values are important for the world today.