

Year 5 Religious Education Assessment: The Journey of Pilgrimage

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the concept of pilgrimage, its significance to believers, and the challenges faced by those who undertake sacred journeys.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of world religions to provide detailed answers. Ensure your explanations are clear and use appropriate religious vocabulary.

A pilgrimage is a physical journey, often to a place of religious significance. For many believers, it is not just about the destination, but the internal transformation that occurs during the travel. Whether walking to a quiet shrine or travelling across continents to a holy city, the pilgrim sets aside their daily life to focus on their faith, prayer, and connection to the divine.

Word bank: Sacred · Pilgrim · Shrine · Devotion · Reflection · Journey · Transformation · Ritual · Hajj · Lourdes · Varanasi · Jerusalem

1. Define the term 'pilgrimage' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. Identify two reasons why a believer might choose to go on a pilgrimage. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast a modern-day holiday and a religious pilgrimage. What makes them different in purpose? (4 marks)

4. Explain why the journey itself is often considered as important as the arrival at the sacred destination. (4 marks)

5. Nova the owl is curious about why people travel great distances to visit sacred sites. How would you explain the significance of a 'holy place' to her? (4 marks)

6. Max the monkey has calculated that a pilgrimage can be physically and financially demanding. Justify why, despite these challenges, millions of people choose to participate in pilgrimages every year. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbolic representation of a pilgrim's journey. Include elements that represent the challenges of the road and the peace found at the destination.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a diary entry as a pilgrim reaching your destination. Describe your emotions, the atmosphere of the place, and how your perspective on life has changed after the journey. (Total: /25)