

Journeys of Faith: Exploring Pilgrimage

Learning objective: To understand the significance, motivations, and traditions behind religious pilgrimages in various world faiths.

Read each question carefully and provide thoughtful, detailed responses. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly.

In Year 5 RE, we are exploring the concept of pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a journey, often to a place of spiritual or historical importance, undertaken by a believer. Whether it is a journey to a mountain, a city, or a specific temple, these travels are designed to deepen a person's connection to their faith and provide a time for inner reflection.

Word bank: Pilgrimage · Sacred · Deity · Reflection · Devotion · Tradition · Community · Transformation · Shrine · Ritual

1. Define the term 'pilgrimage' in your own words and explain why a believer might feel the need to undertake such a journey. (2 marks)

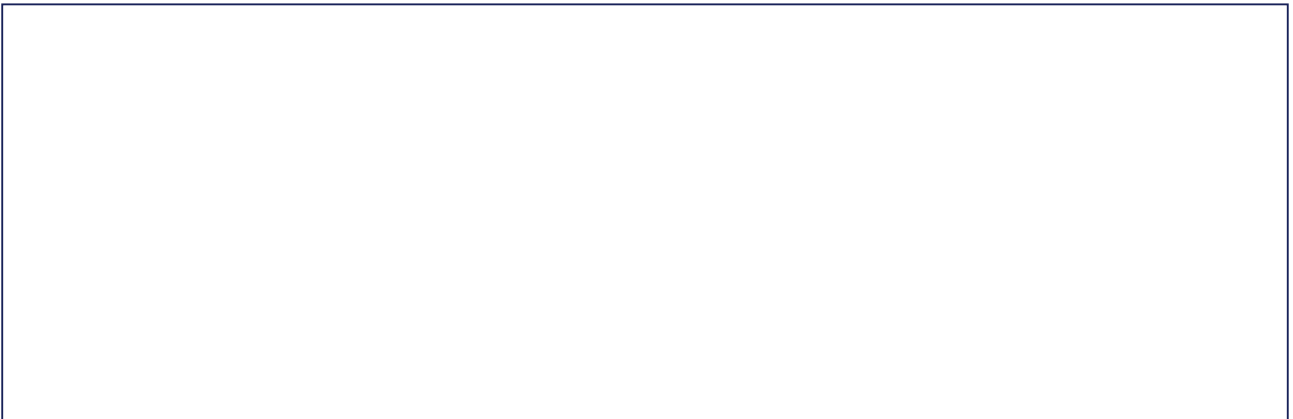
2. Compare and contrast a pilgrimage with a regular holiday. What are the key differences in intention and behaviour? (3 marks)

3. Explain why many pilgrims choose to visit a 'sacred' site rather than simply practicing their faith at home. What is the significance of the physical location? (3 marks)

4. Justify why some pilgrimages involve difficult physical challenges, such as walking long distances or climbing mountains, instead of using modern transport. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if a pilgrim completes their journey but finds that their perspective on their faith has not changed? Discuss the importance of the internal 'journey' versus the physical one. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Path of Reflection'. Illustrate a pilgrim walking toward a destination that represents peace and spiritual growth. Include symbols of nature and landmarks that signify a sense of purpose.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who loves history and stories. You have been asked to write a diary entry from the perspective of a pilgrim arriving at a famous historical site. Describe the sights, the sounds of the community around you, and how the atmosphere makes you feel. Use at least five words from the word bank in your entry.