

Sacred Texts: Symbols of Wisdom and Faith

Learning objective: To understand the significance of sacred texts in world religions and represent their importance through symbolic art.

Use your creative skills to illustrate a scene that represents the reverence and care shown to sacred texts. Refer to the word bank to label your drawing with key terms that explain how these books are treated by believers.

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Ellie the elephant sitting in a peaceful, sunlit library or place of worship. On a beautifully decorated stand in front of her, place an open, ancient-looking book. Surround the book with symbols of peace, such as olive branches or soft, golden light. Use a detailed, respectful style to show the care Ellie takes while reading. Include decorative patterns on the book's pages and cover to reflect its sacred nature.



Label words: Reverence · Ancient · Wisdom · Sacred · Scripture · Community · Tradition

Steps:

1. Explain why many religious communities keep their sacred texts in a special place, such as an ark, a pedestal, or an embroidered cover.
2. Compare and contrast how a sacred text is treated differently from a regular storybook you might find in a school library.

3. Justify why it is important for a community to preserve their sacred texts for future generations.
4. What might happen if a community lost their sacred text? Describe the impact on their traditions and shared history.