

Sacred Texts: Wisdom Through the Ages

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of sacred texts within major world religions, exploring how they provide guidance and moral frameworks for believers.

Welcome to our religious education challenge! Join Max the monkey and Ellie the elephant as they explore the history and importance of sacred texts. Answer the questions carefully and consider how these ancient words influence people today.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Qur'an, 4. B, 5. True, 6. D, 7. Torah, 8. False, 9. C, 10. Guru Granth Sahib. Sacred texts are vital as they contain the core beliefs, history, and moral laws of a religion. They are often treated with great respect and are considered to be the inspired word of the divine.

Word bank: Torah · Bible · Qur'an · Guru Granth Sahib · Vedas · Tripitaka · revelation · manuscript · tradition

1. Which sacred text is central to the Islamic faith? A) Torah B) Bible C) Qur'an* D) Vedas (1 mark)

2. True or False: In Judaism, the Torah is handwritten on parchment scrolls. (1 mark)

3. What is the name of the sacred collection of Buddhist scriptures? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. The Christian Bible is divided into two main parts. What are they? A) Old and New Testaments* B) Past and Future Books C) First and Second Volumes D) Ancient and Modern Laws (1 mark)

5. True or False: Hindu sacred texts, known as the Vedas, are among the oldest in the world. (1 mark)

6. Which of these is a way sacred texts are treated with respect? A) Kept in a plain box B) Left on the floor C) Read only once a year D) Placed on a high, clean surface* (1 mark)

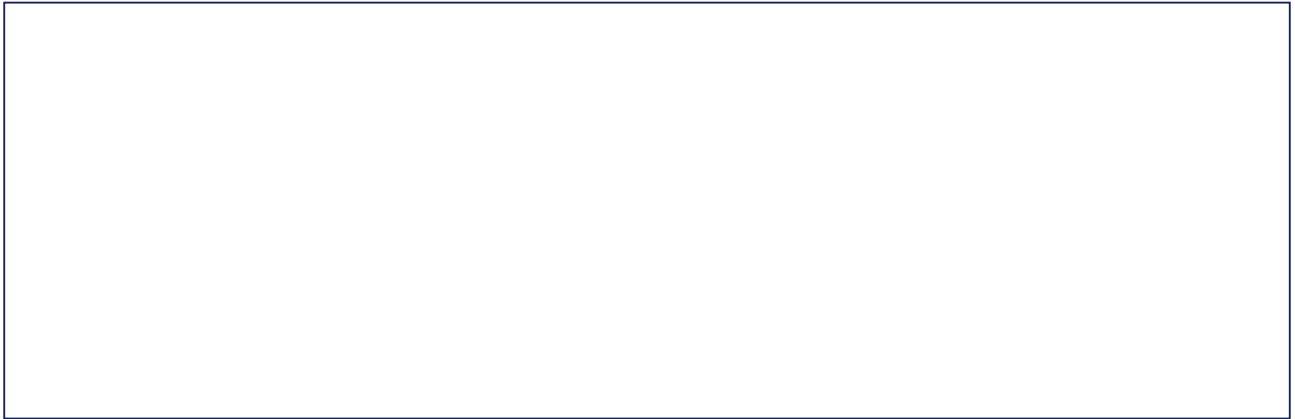
7. In the Jewish tradition, what is the name of the scroll containing the first five books of the Hebrew Bible? (1 word) (1 mark)

8. True or False: Sacred texts are only used for reading, never for singing or chanting. (1 mark)

9. Sikhs treat their holy book as a living Guru. What is it called? A) The Lotus B) The Veda C) Guru Granth Sahib* D) The Torah (1 mark)

10. What do we call a person who writes or copies manuscripts by hand? (1 word) (1 mark)

Draw: Imagine you are an ancient scribe. Draw an ornate, decorative border around a page of a sacred text, incorporating symbols that represent peace, wisdom, and nature.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why sacred texts are treated with special reverence by religious communities. 2. Compare and contrast the way different religions store or display their sacred texts. 3. Justify your answer: Why might oral traditions be just as important as written sacred texts? 4. What might happen if a community lost their sacred text? 5. If you were to write a 'book of wisdom' for your school, what three moral rules would you include and why? 6. Analyse the importance of language in sacred texts; why are some texts still recited in their original ancient languages instead of being translated?