

Exploring Sacred Texts: A Personal Investigation

Learning objective: To understand the significance, structure, and influence of sacred texts within religious traditions.

Choose a sacred text you have studied in class (such as the Torah, the Qur'an, the Guru Granth Sahib, or the Bible). Use your knowledge and your research skills to complete this fact-file. Think deeply about how these texts guide the lives of believers today.

Word bank: revelation · scripture · tradition · guidance · divine · authority · interpretation · community · ancient

1. Name of the sacred text and the religious tradition it belongs to. Briefly describe how this text is treated with respect by the community. (2 marks)

2. Explain why this text is considered 'sacred' or 'divine' by its followers. Use evidence from your learning to support your answer. (4 marks)

3. Compare and contrast how this text is used in a place of worship versus how it might be used in a home setting. (4 marks)

4. Identify one key teaching or moral story from this text. Justify why this specific teaching remains relevant to people living in the modern world. (5 marks)

5. What might happen if a religious community did not have a written sacred text to refer to? Discuss the potential impact on their shared beliefs. (6 marks)

6. If you were to curate a collection of 'important wisdom' for your own life, what themes would you include and why? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing a member of a faith community about their sacred text. Write five thoughtful, open-ended questions you would ask them to better understand the personal importance of their scripture.