

Exploring Sikhism: Faith and Community

Learning objective: To understand the core beliefs, practices, and key figures within Sikhism, including the significance of the Gurdwara and the Five Ks.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of Sikhism. Read the question on the left, then check the answer on the right to see how much you have remembered.

Who was the founder of Sikhism?

Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who taught that all people are equal regardless of their background.

What is the name of the Sikh place of worship?

A Gurdwara, which means 'Gateway to the Guru'.

What is the Guru Granth Sahib?

The central religious scripture of Sikhism, which is treated with the same respect as a living human Guru.

What is 'Langar'?

The community kitchen in a Gurdwara where free vegetarian meals are served to everyone, regardless of their faith.

What is 'Seva'?

The concept of selfless service to others, which is a fundamental part of Sikh life.

Name the Five Ks (Panj Kakar).

Kesh (uncut hair), Kara (steel bracelet), Kanga (wooden comb), Kachera (cotton undergarments), and Kirpan (ceremonial sword).

What is the 'Khalsa'?

The community of committed Sikhs who have been initiated into the faith.

What does the festival of Vaisakhi celebrate?

The creation of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699.

Why do Sikhs wear a Kara?

It is a circular steel bracelet representing the eternity of God and a reminder to do good deeds.

What is the meaning of 'Ik Onkar'?

It is the first phrase of the Mool Mantar, meaning 'There is only one God'.