

Exploring the Sikh Faith: A Fact-File with Nova

Learning objective: To identify and explain the core beliefs, practices, and key figures within the Sikh religion, demonstrating an understanding of the importance of equality and service.

Use this fact-file to organise your research on Sikhism. Read carefully and answer the questions below to show your understanding of the faith. Nova the owl is here to help you focus on the most important 'big' questions about belief and community.

Word bank: Guru Nanak · Guru Granth Sahib · Gurdwara · Langar · Seva · Equality · Khalsa · Five Ks

1. The Founder: Explain who Guru Nanak was and why his teachings are considered the foundation of the Sikh faith. (3 marks)

2. The Holy Scripture: Compare and contrast the Guru Granth Sahib with other religious texts you have studied. Why is it treated with such immense respect? (4 marks)

3. Community and Service: Define the concept of 'Seva' (selfless service). How is this demonstrated through the practice of 'Langar' in a Gurdwara? (3 marks)

4. Core Values: Justify why the concept of equality is central to Sikhism. How do Sikhs put this into practice in their daily lives? (4 marks)

5. The Five Ks: List the Five Ks and explain the significance of these items for a baptised Sikh. (5 marks)

6. Critical Thinking: What might happen to the sense of community within a Gurdwara if the practice of Langar were to stop? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a poster that represents the Sikh principle of 'Vand Chakko' (sharing with others). Write a short paragraph explaining how this principle encourages social responsibility in the modern world.