

Learning About Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To understand the importance of sacred texts in different religions.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Ellie the elephant loves visiting the library to learn about the world. Today, she is learning about sacred texts. A sacred text is a very special book used by people of a religion. These books are treated with great care and respect. For many people, these texts contain the words of God or important teachings. They tell stories about how to live a good life. For example, the Torah is a sacred text for Jewish people. The Qur'an is the sacred text for Muslims. The Bible is a sacred text for Christians. The Guru Granth Sahib is the sacred text for Sikhs. Even though these books are different, they all provide guidance to believers. People often keep these books in a special place in their home or place of worship. They might read them to find peace or to learn about their history. Ellie thinks it is amazing how books can help people feel connected to their faith. She reminds us that we should always handle books with clean hands and keep them safe. Whether we have a sacred book or a favorite storybook, books are treasures for everyone.

Word bank: Sacred: special and holy · Text: a book or writing · Religion: a belief system · Guidance: help or advice · Respect: to treat something carefully

1. Name two sacred texts mentioned in the passage. (2 marks)

2. Where do people often keep their sacred texts? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think people treat sacred texts with such great care? (2 marks)

4. How might reading a sacred text make a person feel? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that all books should be treated with respect? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special, decorated book sitting on a shelf. Add patterns around the book to show that it is important.



Extension challenge: Choose one religion mentioned in the text. Find out the name of the building where people go to read their sacred text.