Exploring Sacred Texts with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of sacred texts across major world religions.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history and faith! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Ellie has a fantastic memory, so try your best to remember what you have learned about these important books.

Answer Key: 1. A (Torah), 2. True, 3. Bible, 4. B (Qur'an), 5. True, 6. Guru Granth Sahib, 7. C (Vedas), 8. False (They are treated with great respect/reverence), 9. True, 10. D (All of the above).

Word bank: Torah · Bible · Qur'an · Guru Granth Sahib · Vedas · Sacred · Revelation · Manuscript

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

2. 2. True or False: Christians believe the Bible is a collection of writings inspired by God. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the holy book of Christianity? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Muslims believe that the words of the: A) Torah B) Qur'an* C) Bible D) Vedas were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The Guru Granth Sahib is the central religious scripture of Sikhism. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: The _____ is considered the living Guru in the Sikh faith. (3 words) (1 mark)

7. 7. The oldest scriptures of Hinduism are known as the: A) Bible B) Torah C) Vedas* D) Qur'an (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Sacred texts are treated like any other book found in a library. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Many sacred texts contain stories, laws, and prayers that guide how followers live their lives. (1 mark)

10. 10. Why are these books called 'sacred'? A) They are old B) They are written in special languages C) They are holy to believers D) All of the above* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a beautifully decorated bookshelf. On the shelves, draw what you imagine a special, ancient book might look like, perhaps with gold patterns on the cover or a decorative bookmark.

Extension challenge: Ellie the Elephant wants to know: choose one of the sacred texts we discussed and write a short paragraph explaining why it is so important to the people who follow that religion.