Sacred Texts: A Fact-File Study

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of sacred texts within different religions and how they influence the lives of believers.

Choose a religion you have studied in class. Use your knowledge to complete this fact-file. Think about how these texts are treated, who reads them, and why they are considered special. Ensure your answers are clear and reflect your understanding of the religion's core beliefs.

Word bank: Scripture · Reverence · Tradition · Guidance · Authority · Interpretation · Ceremony · Holy

1. Name of the Sacred Text and the Religion: Identify the book and the religious tradition it belongs to. (2 marks)

2. Origin and History: Briefly explain when or how the text was written or revealed, according to the faith. (3 marks)

3. The Role of the Text: How do believers use this book in their daily lives or during times of worship? (3 marks)

4. Showing Respect: Describe how the text is handled or stored to show reverence, and explain why this is important. (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why do you think sacred texts are so important to a community of believers? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Compare two different sacred texts. Write a short paragraph explaining one key similarity and one key difference in how they are used by their respective communities. Ask Ellie the elephant for help if you need to remember the historical facts!