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EBJ Knowledge Organiser RE Year 4



Autumn 2
What makes some
texts sacred?



Learning Objectives

- Explaining the difference between evidenced or recognised information about scripture and beliefs and opinions.
- Giving some reasons why different Hindu texts might be significant to people.
- Identifying the key events that led to the writing of the Buddhist Canon.
- Discussing the importance of the Buddhist canon to some people today.
- Providing examples of why and how the Guru Granth Sahib is respected.
- Drawing out connections between beliefs and practices.
- Comparing and making links between scriptures from different worldviews.
- Identifying the role and value of scripture in some people's lives.

Texts may be considered sacred or holy for different reasons, including origin, source, language, contents and culture.

Most organised religious worldviews have some form of scripture or authoritative text which followers read, listen to or hear talks about to help them understand their worldview and make life choices.

Buddhist Texts

In the Buddhist worldview, there are many texts collectively called the Buddhist Canon. Texts vary between different traditions. Buddhist scripture may be referred to as Dharma.



Sikh Texts

After ten living Gurus who provided spiritual leadership, the tenth Sikh Guru bestowed the Guruship to the Guru Granth Sahib forever. It contains teachings from various Gurus as well as writings from select Hindu and Muslim teachers, which the Gurus included. It is considered the highest spiritual authority for Sikhs, and is treated as a living Guru to demonstrate this belief.



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Hindu Texts

There are many Hindu texts considered to be sacred or authoritative. These may be considered to be shruti (divinely revealed) or smriti (remembered and passed down).



Key Vocabulary

authoritative	Trusted as being accurate or true.
canon	A collection of texts that are considered to be the authoritative scriptures of a religion.
divine	Connected to God or gods, often seen as very special or powerful.
holy	Related to God or religion, considered special and to be respected by followers.
oral tradition	Cultural and historical traditions passed down by word of mouth.
revealed	When something is shown or made known that was previously hidden or secret.
sacred	Something that is greatly respected and treated with care, especially in religious contexts.
scripture	Books and writings which followers of a worldview may consider to be holy or special.
value	How important or useful something is considered to be.