

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 6

Summer (ii)

What are the range of forms of the Sikh expression?

Substantive Knowledge – To know that Gobind Singh is a significant figure to Sikhs and the significance of the Amrit Ceremony. To also know the range of forms of Sikh expression.

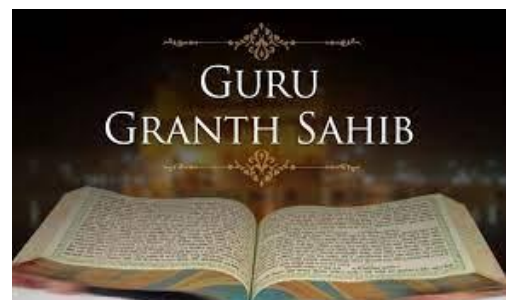
The significance of Gobind Singh

Guru Gobind Singh was The Tenth Nanak or the last of the Sikh preachers to live. His teachings have inspired the Sikh community and others for generations.



Guru Gobind Singh

Guru Gobind Singh was the last of the ten Gurus, the one who transformed the Sikh faith. In 1699 he created the Khalsa (Pure), a community of the faithful who wore visible symbols of their faith (the 5 K's) and trained as warriors. Today the Khalsa comprises all practising Sikhs. He introduced many of the customs that Sikh's practice today including the Amrit Ceremony.



Khalsa

The 5 K's, which were introduced by Guru Gobind Singh.

He declared the the Sikh holy book as his successor instead of a human being. The Guru Granth Sahib would thus be the Sikhs' guide forever. Sikhs give it the same status and respect as a human Guru.



The Amrit Ceremony

Sikhs who have been through the Amrit Ceremony of initiation, or *Amrit Sanskar*, become baptised Sikhs, take new names, and wear the 5 Ks.

The Amrit Ceremony is the initiation rite introduced by Guru Gobind Singh when he founded the Khalsa in 1699.

A Sikh can go through this initiation as soon as they are old enough to understand the full commitment that they are making.



Amrit, Sikh Baptism Ceremony.

Sikh Expressions



Pyar - Love : the weapon that will defeat desire and lust.

Nimrata - Humility : the weapon the fight anger.

Daya - Compassion : the weapon to fight the Ego.

Santokh - Contentment : the weapon to fight greed.

Sat - Truth: to live a truthful life

Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

Guru Gobind Singh founded the Sikh warrior community called the Khalsa Sikhs in 1699.

The Amrit Ceremony is the rite of passage Sikhs go through to become a Khalsa Sikh.

The five Sikh expressions are Daya (compassion), Nimrata (humility), Pyare (love), Santokh (contentment) and Sat (truth).

Core Vocabulary

Gobind Singh – The tenth and final Sikh Guru.

Amrit Ceremony – The rite of initiation into the Khalsa.

Five K's – five articles which identify a Sikh who has been initiated into the Khalsa.