

SACRED WRITINGS IN JUDAISM- JEWISH SCRIPTURES

The Hebrew name for the Jewish scriptures is the Tenakh. The Tenakh is divided into three sections:

Torah or Pentateuch

Nevi'im or Prophets

Ketuvim or Writings

As you can see, the word TeNaKh is made up from the first letter of the three sections.

To find out about the Torah:

READ Six Religions page 64 (sheet)

And then...

WRITE out the meaning of the Shema and copy out Deuteronomy 6:4-6.

And then...

LIST the times and places when a Jewish person would remind themselves of the Shema in their daily life.

To find out more about the Torah:

READ The Word of God (sheet) Judaism p32-33 and Judaism by S Penny

And then...

DESIGN a poster to describe a Sefer Torah and the way it is dressed.

And then...

WRITE detailed notes to explain where the Torah is kept, how it is taken from the Ark to the Bimah and how it is read.

And then...

WRITE a dictionary list with detailed explanations for the following:

Torah	Sefer	Siddur
Gemara	Pentateuch	Sofer
Mishnah	Talmud	Hebrew
Halakhah	Yad	Aliyah

And then...

EXPLAIN why the Torah is so central to the Covenant

To find out about the origins and development of the Torah:

READ Six Religions page 68 (sheet)

And then...

WRITE detailed notes on the how the Torah was written and how it developed into the book we have today.

To explore and understand some of the teachings:

READ the following verses from the Torah:

Exodus 20:8

Exodus 20:12

Deuteronomy 19:21

And then...

WRITE out with an explanation of what they mean.

And then...

EVALUATION/DISCUSSION

Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). What is the relevance of these commandments for today?