Judaism

Why is the Torah so Important to Jewish people?

Sticky Knowledge

- I can identify and explain Jewish beliefs about God.
- I can give examples of some texts that say what God is like and explain how Jewish people interpret them.
- I can make clear connections between Jewish beliefs about the Torah and how they use and treat it.
- I can make clear connections between Jewish commandments and how Jews live (e.g. in relation to kosher laws).
- I can give evidence and examples to show how Jewish people put their beliefs into practice in different ways (e.g. some differences between Orthodox and Progressive Jewish practice).
- I can make connections between Jewish beliefs studied and explain how and why they are important to Jewish people today.
- I can consider and weigh up the value of e.g. tradition, ritual, community, study and worship in the lives of Jews today, and articulate responses on how far they are valuable to people who are not Jewish.



Useful links

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8

http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/jewish.htm

https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/judaism

Recommended Reads





Key Vocabulary

Synagogue – A place where Jewish people meet for religious worship.

Torah – The first five books of the Hebrew Bible.

Commandments – A divine rule.

Kosher – Prepare food according to the requirements of Jewish Law.

Orthodox – Following the traditional rules of a religion.

Progressive practice – A more modern way of practicing the religion.

Ritual – A religious ceremony consisting of a series of actions.

The Shema – A Jewish prayer

Tefillin – Small leather boxes containing scrolls inscribed with words from the Torah.

Sefer Torah – Handwritten copy of the Torah.

Nevi'im – The second division of the Hebrew Bible

Ketuvim – The third division of the Hebrew Bible.

Rosh Hashanah – The Jewish New Year

Shabbat - Jewish day of rest