



### Key Vocabulary

Pilgrimage	A long journey made to a sacred place out of religious devotion	Hajj	Muslims must go on this pilgrimage once in their life. It is one of their 5 pillars
Lourdes	Catholics go to Lourdes to be healed by its miraculous water	River Ganges	River in India where Hindus pilgrimage to
Mecca	The place that Muslims go to every year for Hajj	Golden Temple	A holy place for Sikh pilgrims in Amritsar in India

Which places have you been to which you thought were special? Why did you think that? Why were they important? What happened there to make it memorable? What is the difference between a special place and a sacred or holy place?



### The River Ganges

#### Kumbh Mela

Many Hindus believe that water from the river Ganges is holy and purifying.

Some Hindus believe it flowed from the feet of Vishnu in heaven to purify humans and wash away sins.

The Kumbh Mela takes place over 55 days, every 12 years.

The last time it happened was in 2013 which was attended by 120 million pilgrims!



### Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers?



#### Reasons for pilgrimage

- Obedience and acceptance
- acceptance
- remembrance
- reflection
- obedience
- Progress and journey of individual
- repentance (saying sorry for sins)

What is similar and what is different between different pilgrimage experiences?

