Unit CL2.6 How do ancient stories influence modern celebrations?



Prior learning - Key Stage One

Why festivals are important in a community
Harvest festival- Christian community
Eid ul Fitr and Ramadan- Muslim community
Sukkot- harvest festival in the Jewish community
Diwali- Hindu community
Bandi Chhor Divas- Sikh community

Key Questions

Why does the light of Hanukkah help Jews focus on their belief in God?
How does the story of Guru Hargobind and the prisoners remind Sikhs to help others?
Why is light important to Hindus during Diwali?
Why has light been used in festivals of ancient civilisations?
Why are the solstices important to Pagans and others?
Where do current advent traditions come from?

Transferable Question

Are religions a thing of the past?

Key Learning

The Maccabee family fought for freedom and the Holy Temple.
Guru Hargobind helped 52 prisoners to escape using his cloak.
The story of Rama and Sita symbolises goodness over evil.
The advent wreath candles symbolise peace, joy, the love of God and Jesus as the light of the world.
The sun was a symbol of creation in ancient civilisations.
The winter solstice celebrates the shortest day of the year; and the summer solstice marks the longest day.

Key vocabulary

Menorah, dreidel, shammash, Guru, liberation, Lakshmi, rangoli, diyas, ancient civilisations, worship, solstice, Stonehenge, representations, symbolises

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