



Unit of work:

What is the Baha'i Faith?

Year group:

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Prior learning:

This is a free choice unit. This is an introduction to the Baha'I Faith.

RE Skills to develop

- I can discuss why worshippers choose to attend a particular place of worship and what it means to belong.
- I can reflect on my own values and explore what I can learn from the value of believers.
- I can describe religions and world views, connecting my ideas and prior learning.

Knowledge/skills

What is the Baha'i Faith?

Baha'i is the newest world religion which started in 1863. **Baha'is** believe that God periodically reveals his will through divine messengers, whose purpose is to transform the character of humankind and to develop, within those who respond, moral and spiritual qualities. Religion is thus seen as orderly, unified, and progressive from age to age

Who was the Bab?

The Bab is a Messenger of God, whose purpose was to prepare the way for Baha'u'llah, a bit like John the Baptist who prepared people for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Who was Baha'u'llah?

Baha'u'llah announced to the Bab that god was coming. Baha'u'llah's name means "Glory of God".

How do Baha'is pray and where do they worship?

Baha'is can pray anywhere although there are some Houses of Worship being built around the world.

Key Stories

Baha'u'llah wrote many books and letters, and Abdu'l-Baha also wrote many books and letters which Baha'is see as special. Finally Baha'u'llah's Great Grandson Shoghi Effendi wrote lots of books and letters which Baha'is use to better understand the writings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha. The most important of these books is the 'Aqdas'.

Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
5 Fingers	Bahai, Bahais, Houses of Worship, Aqdas, Nine Sided Star
Bâb	The Bâb means 'Gate'. He said he was the Gateway to the next religion, which would unite the world.
Baha'u'llah	The Glory of God
Bahai	To be a Bahai means that a person believes that Baha'u'llah is the manifestation of God for this time. A Bahai strives to follow his teachings and observes his laws.
Unity	Being united or joined as a whole. Baha'is believe the world should be united. That all human beings should be like one family.
Houses of Worship	Houses of Worship are the religious place of worship. They are also known as Mashriqu'l-Adhkar.
Ridvan	Ridvan means 'Paradise'. It is the name for the Garden of Ridvan outside Baghdâd. Baha'u'llah stayed there for twelve days.
Nine Sided Star	A symbol of perfection and unity.

Significant people



The Bab

Artefacts and symbols

