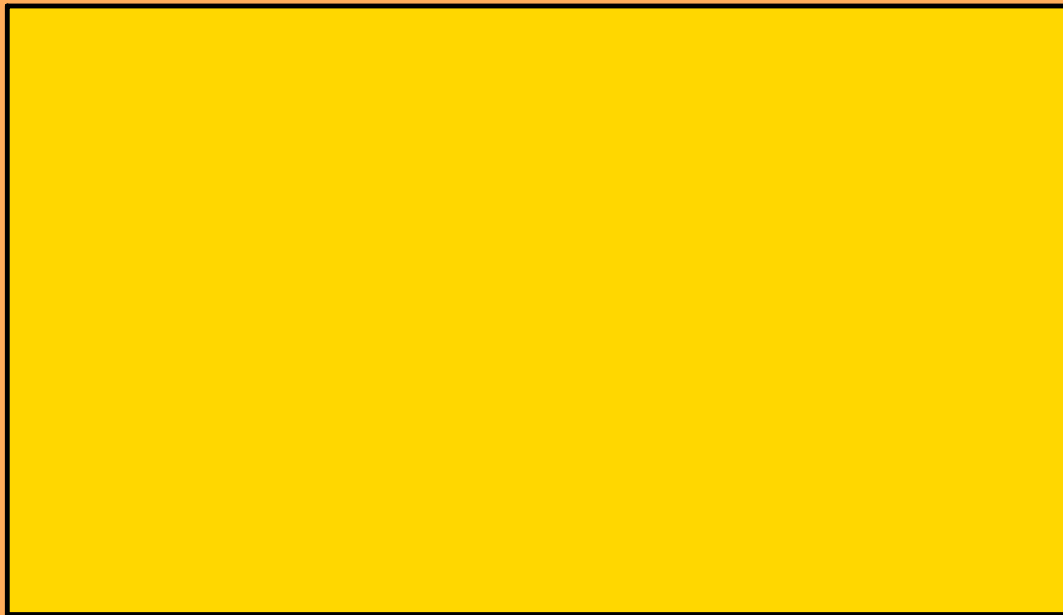


Thursday 21st January 2021

LO: can I identify where I belong?



Starter:

Name ONE of the 5ks of Sikhism.

What is the purpose of the 5ks?

We are going to learn about the **Guru Gobind Singh** (the last of the ten Gurus of Sikh) and the story of **Vaisakhi** (a religious festival).



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-vaisakhperformance>

Discuss the following questions as a class:

Who was **Guru Gobind Singh** and what did he ask people to do?

How might the people in the crowd be feeling in the story?

Have you ever felt like this before?

What do you think the term 'pure of heart' means?

Who was pure of heart in the story? Why?

Vaisakhi:

- Vaisakhi, also spelled Baisakhi, is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar.
- It is the Sikh New Year festival and is celebrated on April 13 or 14. It also commemorates 1699, the year Sikhism was born as a collective faith.
- Vaisakhi is a long established harvest festival in the Punjab.
- In 1699 the tenth guru, Guru Gobind Singh, chose Vaisakhi as the occasion to transform the Sikhs into a family of soldier saints, known as the Khalsa Panth.
- Guru Gobind Singh founded the Khalsa in front of thousands.
- Vaisakhi is celebrated in much the same way as Gurpurbs (a celebration of an anniversary of a Guru's birth marked by a festival). Gudwaras (a place of assembly and worship for Sikh) are decorated and visited. Parades, dancing and singing happen throughout the day. Many Sikhs choose to be baptised into the Khalsa brotherhood on this day.

Task:

In the Sikh religion, there are 5 important symbols. We have learnt all about them over the last two lessons.

Create your own symbol that has meaning or significance to you.

You need to design the symbol and explain what its meaning is and why it is important to you.