

Blood and Badges (Basakhi and the 5Ks)	Year Group: KS2	No. of lessons: 3
<p>Learning objectives: to learn about significant times in the history of the Sikh Gurus and Sikh community. To learn how Baisakhi is celebrated today. To recognise and learn about the special nature of the 5Ks.</p>		
<p>Themes to discuss : courage, persistence, supporting the right, brotherhood, unity of God, faithfulness,</p>		
<p>Activities and experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin by thinking about how precious life is and wonder if there are any situations when people might be prepared to give their lives for a person or a cause. • Find out what life was like for Sikhs during the reign of Emperor Aurangzeb by hearing the story of the death of Guru Tegh Bahadur. Consider how ordinary Sikhs, and his son, Guru Gobind Singh, felt following this tragedy. • Share the exciting story of the founding of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh and his demand that Sikhs die for their faith. Stop at key points in the story to create an emotion graph of the incident. See photographs of Baisakhi being celebrated today. • Following the founding of the Khalsa, Sikhs wear the distinctive symbols of the 5Ks. You can also look at the special head gear – the turban. Talk about badges and uniforms which are familiar to the class (a chance for pupils to share their particular interests) and their special meanings (if they have them). Compare these with the distinctive meanings of the 5Ks and create a display “proud to be a Sikh” based on the 5Ks. • Have a “competition” to design a badge or shield etc which says something about your class family (“proud to be class 5”). Can you make them and wear them? Make the comparisons back to the 5Ks. • Enjoy together the story of Guru Gobind Singh and the donkey. Discuss together its message that a person’s inner spirit is actually more important than their external look. What is the message of this story for (a) Sikhs (b) you? 		
<p>Websites and resources: Story of Baisakhi at http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/stories/si1.htm and http://www.sikhnet.com/sikhnet/register.nsf/p/Story11 with pictures of celebrations at http://www.novapeer.co.uk/sikh/Vaisakhi.html the donkey story is at http://www.sln.org.uk/storyboard/stories/s5.htm and the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Badur is at http://allaboutsikhs.com/gurus/guruteghbhadur1.htm#12 The 5Ks feature at http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/sikhism/customs/index.shtml and http://www.sikhs.org/khalsa.htm Videos of tying a turban at http://www.sikhnet.com/s/tyingturbans For “proud to be a Sikh” you may like to use http://pof.reonline.org.uk/pupil_sikh.php in which a young Sikh talks about his faith.</p>		