



RE: Life as a Journey & Pilgrimage




Vocabulary

Journey	An act of travelling from one place to another for a purpose.
Pilgrimage	A religious journey to a holy site.
Holy site	A holy place important to a religion due to a specific event happening there.
Rite of passage	A ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life.
Holy land	The area in Israel where Christians, Jews and Muslims live and all have holy sites there.
Hajj	The annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. All Muslims are expected to complete the pilgrimage once in their life time.
Kumbh Mela	Hindu pilgrimage to where the river Ganges and Yamuna meet. This only happens once every 12 years, millions of people share in ritual bathing which is believed to cleanse them of their sin.
Yatra	Sikhs call their pilgrimages Yatra, they visit The Golden Temple in Amritsar. They believe the water surrounding the temple have miraculous healing powers and that by visiting the Temple they are showing great respect and worship for their holy book.
The Western Wall	Jewish people worship God at the last wall remaining of the great Jewish Temple that was built in Jerusalem. Here prayers are said and left in the wall.

Key Questions and Facts

What is a journey?	An act of travelling from one place to another for a purpose. Journeys usually have a beginning and an end. Journeys can be short, mysterious, exciting, dull, repetitive, long, clearly planned or chaotic.
Why do people describe life as a journey?	Life has a beginning and an end just like a journey. People do not know where or what will happen during their life just as can happen on a journey.
Why do Christians go on pilgrimage?	Christians go on pilgrimage to get closer to God, they want to experience a heightened sense of the Holy Spirit. Some Christians go on pilgrimage to be healed.
Where do Christians go on pilgrimage?	Christians go on pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, The island of Iona, Westminster Abbey, Walsingham.
Who was St. Bernadette?	St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes in France in 1844. While collecting sticks for a fire she saw a vision of a lady. Over time she knew the lady was Mary the mother of Jesus. Bernadette prayed with Mary and a spring welled up where they prayed. This spring is said to have healing powers and people visit there to be healed.

Significant People

 Nelson Mandela	Research a famous person - find out what happened on their life journey.
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My life as a journey example:

