

R&W - Why are some places significant?

authentic	Genuine, original and true; not a copy or replica.	replica	An exact copy or model of something made to look like the original but sometimes on a smaller scale.
covenant	A promise or agreement.	shrine	A sacred place dedicated to a specific deity, saint or religious figure, where people go to worship and offer prayers.
diaspora	A group of people who leave their country of origin and settle in different parts of the world, where they keep their religion and culture.	significant	Important or noticeable.
pilgrimage	Travelling to a place which holds value to a religious group or worldview.	stupas	Sacred structures built to house relics and serve as focal points for meditation and worship.
relic	An object, typically a part of the body or clothing, from someone believed to be holy or with special religious significance.		

Holy and **sacred** generally relate to God, religion or enlightened beings such as the Buddha. They refer to something considered special that is greatly respected and treated with care, especially in religious contexts.



Jewish, Christian and Muslim beliefs stem from Abraham (known as Ibrahim for Muslims) who was a prophet God made a covenant (promise) with. Many stories in the Torah, Christian Bible and Qur'an mention significant places within Jerusalem.



The Harmandir Sahib was the first Sikh place of worship (gurdwara) to be built. Three Sikh Gurus (Guru Amar Das, Guru Ram Das and Guru Arjan) planned and completed the gurdwara with voluntary help from members of the community.



The River Ganges is a river in India believed by many Hindus to be the Goddess Ganga. Therefore, it is believed to have purifying qualities.



Relics are often objects that belonged to a significant holy figure or a part of their body. They are generally housed in important religious buildings which many people travel to.

