

# Knowledge Organiser - Sikhism

Assessment question: How did the first five Sikh Gurus shape Sikhism?

## Sikhism:

Sikhs believe in *One God*, for all humanity, who looks at people's actions rather than people's religious labels.

Guru Nanak, the founder, also taught importance of all men and women everywhere being equal, and also the importance of service to others.

Guru Nanak was followed by nine other Gurus.

The tenth **Guru, Guru Gobind Singh**, decided that there would be no more living Gurus and that the **Guru Granth Sahib** (sacred scriptures) should be read for future guidance.

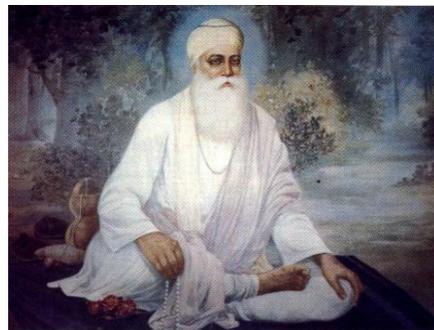
## Guru

The term *Guru* comes from the Sanskrit *guru*, meaning teaching, guide or mentor. The traditions and philosophy of Sikhism were established by ten Gurus from 1469 to 1708. Each *Guru* added to and reinforced the message taught by the previous, resulting in the creation of the Sikh religion.

Guru Nanak Founded - 1539	Guru Angad 1539-1552	Guru Amar Das 1552-1574	Guru Ram Das 1574-1581	Guru Arjan 1581-1606
Said there is only one God His birthday is a festival	Believed in education Created Langars	Developed Sewa Believed in women's equality	Developed marriage ceremony Everyone is equal	Designed the Gurdwara Created the Guru Granth Sahib

## Key Vocabulary:

Gurdwara	Anand karaj	Levan
Guru	Langar	Sewa
Guru Granth Sahib	Karah parshad	Naam karan
Khanda	Sikh	Granthi



**Guru Nanak**



**Amrit Ceremony** as introduced by **Guru Gobind Singh**.



**Mandir Sahib**  
The holiest shrine for Sikhs