

Sikhism — The Birthday of Guru Nanak



Newspaper Article — Writing Frame

Imagine you are a journalist reporting for a local newspaper. You have been asked to research and write an article about Guru Nanak's birthday. Your article should:

- **Start with an eye-catching headline;**
- **Describe how Sikh people celebrate this and other Gurburbs;**
- **Explain who Guru Nanak was and why he is so important to Sikhs;**
- **Describe one or two major events from Guru Nanak's life;**
- **Use lively newspaper language and style.**

This writing frame suggests ideas for how each main paragraph could begin and what each section could contain. Remember, in a newspaper article your paragraphs should be very short. You might want to divide sections with mini-headlines.

For Sikhs around Britain this is a special week, as they are celebrating the birth of the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev.

The festival is celebrated over three days. It begins...

[Now continue, explaining how this and other Gurburbs are celebrated. If you can, give details which relate to Sikhs in your local area. Remember to use short paragraphs!]

Guru Nanak is important to Sikhs for a number of reasons. Firstly...

[Explain the reasons why Guru Nanak is so important. Try to give more than one reason.]

Guru Nanak was born...

[Explain when and where the Guru was born. Then describe one or two major events in his life.]

We wish Sikhs around *[name of your local area]* joy at this important time!

When you have drafted and checked your article, you are ready to copy it out. Remember to use a big, bold headline and to set out your article in columns. Pictures will also make it more eye-catching.

