

Religious Studies Topic of the Month

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What is religious treasure?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written for Heritage Daily* and is entitled "Archaeologists unearth significant religious treasure".

Introduction

This article refers to the discovery of a rare religious artefact from the excavation of an early Christian church, highlighting its historical and religious significance.

- [\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- What is a reliquary?
- What were original purposes of these objects?
- Which sacred objects are currently used in churches today and why?
- How might future archaeologists interpret these sacred artifacts?
- What might be a future sacred object and why?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Practices
 - Forms of expression and ways of life
- **A-Level:**
 - The diversity of practice in creative expressions