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| **What? (Key Knowledge)** |
| Sikhism |
| **Sikhism** is one of the world’s major religions. It is the **world’s 5rd largest religion**, with about 28 million followers. It began over 500 years ago.  **Sikhs** are the people who follow Sikhism. Sikhs believe in one God who guides and protects them. Sikhs see everybody as being equal in God’s eyes. Sikhism was founded by a man called **Guru Nanak.** It is based on what he taught people. They believe that he received messages from God telling them how to live.  **Leading a good life** and **making the right choices** are important in Sikhism. Granth Sahib is the holy book of **Sikhism.** Sikhs worship at home and in Sikh temples called **Gurdwaras.**  Vaisakhi marks the Sikh New Year. At this time, Sikhs remember when Khalsa was created. -Khalsa was the purified Sikh community created by Guru Gobind Singh, in which all were equal.  -This event takes place in April, and also marks the start of the Harvest.    **The Five Ks**  - Sikhs often display their commitment to their religion by adhering to the 5 Ks, which are the ‘Sikh Articles of Faith.’  1. Kesh – Uncut Hair 2. Kangha – Comb Kara – Steel Bracelet 4. Kirpan – Sword 5. Kaccha – Soldier’s shorts |
| **Guru Nanak** |
| -Sikhs believe that Guru Nanak was born in a small village called Punjab in India. He was born into a Hindu family, but grew up around Hindus and Muslims.  -Sikhs believe that Guru Nanak was spoken to by God, who told him to follow a simple faith, in which everybody was equal. In other religions, some people were thought of as better than others. |