Sikh Heritage BC – What is Sikhi?

Lesson Title	What is Sikhi? (Grades 7/8)
Suggested time	1 class – 80 mins
Grade/Subject	Social Studies 7-8 (World Religions)
Big Ideas/ Curricular	Big Idea-
Competencies	Religious and cultural practices that emerged during this period have endured and continue to influence people.
	Curricular Competency-
	Assess the significance of people, places, events, or developments at particular times and places (significance)
	Explain and infer different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, or events by considering prevailing norms, values, worldviews, and beliefs (perspective)
First Peoples Principles of Learning	Learning requires the exploration of one's identity
Focus Questions/ Key Understanding	What is Sikhism, aka Sikhi?
Lesson Plan	

(10 mins) Question for KWL- What is Sikhism?

- > Students complete a KWL about what they know and wonder
- > Students can share what they wonder on the board (individually or in groups)

(5 mins) Sikhism vs. Sikhi

- ➤ Introduce the definition of -ism to students (Wikipedia-Ism)
- Introduce the difference between Sikhi and Sikhism (Sikhi Worldview traditions)
- Students can copy down definition into their notes (KWL Learned)

(15 mins) YouTube Video: What is Sikhism

- Overview- What is Sikhism
- > Students can listen or use the accompanying handout to answer questions as they listen

(45 mins) What is Sikhi?- Article Carousel Activity

- Students can be split into groups of 5-6
- > 5 stations (8 mins each)
- Graphic organizer for notes

(5 mins) KWL - complete "Learned"

Students can write at least 3 things that they have learned in the lesson into their KWL charts

Lesson Resources	
Files to be attached (are	Youtube Video:
there any documents, PPTs	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWsClPXLApA&t=
etc to be attached)	What is Sikhism? - Questions



- Articles: What is Sikhi? Graphic organizer
- Article PDFs

For further info (Resources that teachers could refer to or references)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/-ism

https://www.reonline.org.uk/knowledge/sikhism/#:~:text=The%20word%20'Sikh'%20comes%20from ,is%20a%20way%20of%20life.

https://www.britannica.com/topic/Sikhism

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikhism

https://www.sikhnet.com/pages/who-are-sikhs-what-is-sikhism

