

Literary Analysis

SCRIPTURAL WRITING

Sacred literature, also known as **scriptural writing**, conveys the traditions and beliefs of particular religions. Such texts may contain lyrical language and are often thought to be divinely inspired. Here are some forms of scriptural writing.

- maxim:** a brief, memorable statement of general truth or wisdom
- psalm:** a sacred song or lyric poem that expresses strong feeling
- parable:** a short story that teaches a lesson or illustrates a moral truth; usually contains **allegorical** figures that stand for abstract ideas and principles

Directions: Write the title of the passage that matches each scriptural form. Then explain what characteristics of the passage make it fit that form of literature. Give examples from the passage to support your ideas.

	Title of Passage	Characteristics of Passage
maxim		
psalm		
parable		

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