

Year 6 - Hinduism

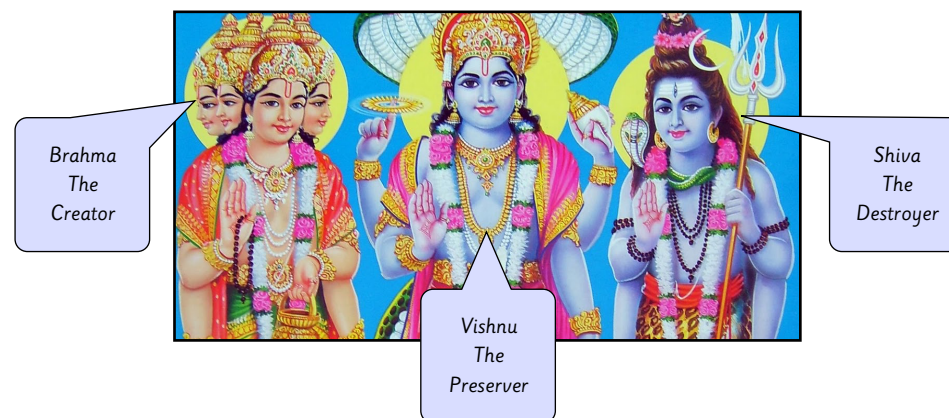
Key vocabulary

Santana Dharma	A name used instead of Hinduism, meaning "The Eternal Law"
Aum	The Hindu symbol. ॐ
Divali	A major Hindu festival
Laws of Manu	A traditional book which is a hybrid of laws and morals for Hindus to live by.
Mandir	Hindu Temple or place of worship.
Murti	A sacred statue of God, or a god or goddess.
Brahman	The one, Hindu god - represented by several other gods and goddesses (sent from Brahman to help Hindus).
Atman	The part of Brahman believed to be within all Hindus.
Samsara or Reincarnation	The belief that the soul is eternal and lives in one body after enough - sometimes human, sometimes animal or even plant.
Karma	Similar to Buddhist beliefs - soul is reborn in successive lives (see reincarnation) is always dependent on how a previous life was lived.
Moksha	The spiritual goal of a Hindu - to become one with Brahman.

Facts

- Hinduism is the world's third most popular religion (with approx. 750 million followers).
- Hinduism originated about 4000 years ago and is the world's oldest existing religion.
- Hinduism is practised by more than 80% of India's population.
- Hinduism is different to other religions as it has no founder, single teacher nor any prophets.
- Hinduism is the practices of a variety of different religious groups which come out of India.

What Hindus believe...



Hindus actually only believe in one god - Brahman. Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are the three most important 'parts of Brahman'.

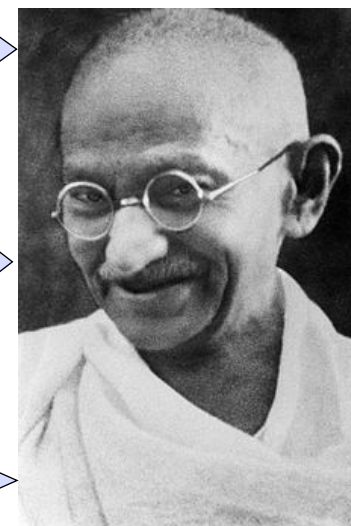
Hindus have a personal god (such as Krishna, Lakshmi, Parvati, Ganesha or Saraswathi) to whom they pray regularly.

There are three basic practices of Hinduism: Worship (called Puja), Cremation (the dead are burnt, not buried) and Compliance with the Rules of the Caste System (no person is superior to another).

Ghandi was born in 1869 and was a committed Hindu his whole life.

He protested peacefully embody the principle of Ahimsa

Ghandi helped to free India from British rule.



Ghandi took interest in lots of religions including Christianity

Ghandi was shot by a fanatic who was angry he was promoting peace and tolerance

His famous saying is 'Be the change you want to see in the world.'