

R.E. Knowledge Organiser - How do Hindus make sense of the world?

Key Vocabulary

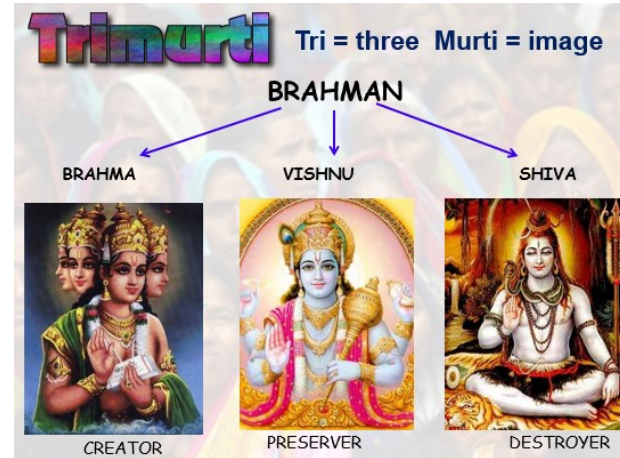
Avatar	A god appearing on earth in human form.
Brahman	The supreme God in the Hindu religion.
Krishna	A popular avatar of Vishnu and worshipped in his own right.
Mandir	The Hindu religious place of worship.
Puja	Worship of a god.
Trimurti	Tri (three) Murti (image) The manifestation of the supreme God (Brahman) into 3 forms (Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva) is called the TRIMURTI. They are all different aspects of BRAHMAN and work together in a never ending way.
Vedas	The holy book in Hinduism

Origins of Hinduism

Approximately 95% of the world's Hindus live in India. Hinduism is about 5,000 years old, in fact it's so old that no one knows for sure when it began. However, we do know that it originated in the Indus Valley and at that time this was in India, however, since 1947 when India was split and Pakistan was formed it has belonged to Pakistan. We also know that Hinduism was not founded by any one person (this makes it unique among the world's religions) instead it has developed gradually over the years as different people met to share their ideas. Hindus have a wide range of beliefs and many different ways of worshipping.



God is called **BRAHMAN** in the Hindu religion.
He may take on the form of anything in the world, usually a god or goddess, and each god or goddess has its own personality and appearance.



Imagine the perfect garden. Brahma is represented by the person who sows the seeds. Their task is the beginning. You then need someone to tend to the garden, to remove the weeds, to feed the plants. This is how Hindus think of Vishnu and finally at the end of a plant's life it must be removed. This is the job of Shiva, because all things come to an end, and once they do new things can be created (e.g. the whole cycle can begin again).



Hinduism has
one God,