

HINDUISM

YEAR 3 | SUMMER 2



Aum (above) is the most sacred symbol of Hinduism

15-16% of the world's population are said to be Hindu

More than **90%** of Hindus live in India

One of the oldest religions dating back to over **4000** years ago



KEY QUESTION

What is the connection between choices and consequences?

KEY GODS

Brahman

Hindu God – the ultimate being. The Trimurti (below) are the three aspects of Brahman

Vishnu

One of the Trimurti - the preserver.



Shiva

One of the Trimurti - the destroyer.



Brahma

One of the Trimurti - the creator.



KEY VOCABULARY



puja



mandir



River Ganges



rangoli



murtis

Main Beliefs

Truth is Eternal

Hindus are encouraged to learn

Dharma

To do the right thing with good behaviour

Karma

The cycle of cause and effect. If you do good actions, good consequences will happen

Samsara

Hindus believe the soul cannot be destroyed, so when someone dies, their soul enters a new living being – cycle of rebirth

Moksha

Is the ultimate goal. It is when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman

SPECIAL FESTIVALS

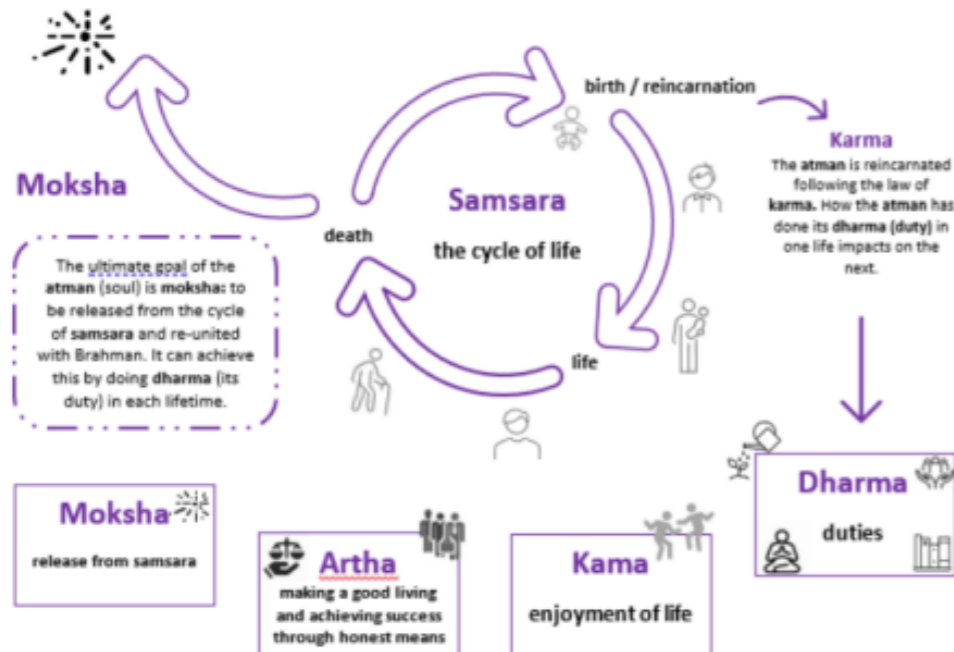
Diwali is the 'festival of light' that is celebrated in late autumn. Diwali celebrates good's victory over evil with lots of lights around homes. Fireworks, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.



Holi is the 'festival of colours' and marks the beginning of spring with bonfires and lots of singing and dancing. Old rubbish is burnt to mark a fresh start and colour is thrown on people.



BELIEFS



GLOSSARY

deities	Supernatural beings that are worshipped.
murtis	Special statues or images of Hindu gods and goddesses.
puja	When Hindu's worship and pray.
Ramayana	An ancient Sanskrit (a language of India) story about Rama and Sita
Shruti	Hindu holy scriptures, which contain the four Vedas. Knowledge from the gods.
Smriti	Hindu holy scriptures, which contain legends, myths and history. Written by spiritual leaders.
Vedas	Ancient Hindu text.



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