

I should already know:

Hinduism is one of the six world religions

Hindus worship one Supreme Being, Brahman. The different images of gods and goddesses communicate the different attributes of Brahman.

Many Hindus start their prayers with the Aum sound which was the first sound that began the creation of the universe.

Many Hindus worship at a shrine in the home and at the mandir.

The Ganges river is an important pilgrimage site in India.

By the end of this unit I will:

Know and understand how belief in karma and dharma might affect a Hindu's actions

Know about Hindu practices linked with birth and childhood (Upanayana)

Know and understand how belief in Ahimsa may cause/lead some Hindus to be vegetarian and care for the world

Know the key features of a Hindu wedding

Know what Hindus believe about death, reincarnation and Maska

Key Vocabulary**Agni**

Sacred fire

Ahimsa

Complete non-violence, in thought, word and action, reverence for all living things

Ashrama

Stage in life

Atman

Soul

Dharma

Person's duty, the right thing to do in any situation

Kanyadaan

Giving away the bride

Karma

The law of cause and effect, the idea that every action has a consequence, which can be either positive or negative

Samsara

The unsatisfactory cycle of life, death and rebirth

Moksha

Freedom for the soul from samsara



Agni

