

Understanding Hinduism Word Mat

Learning objective: To identify and understand key terms, beliefs, and practices associated with Hinduism.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you explore Hinduism. The words are grouped into Beliefs, Deities, and Places & Practices.

Brahman The belief in one supreme univers...	Atman The soul, which Hindus believe is ete...	Samsara The cycle of birth, death, and rebir...
Karma The belief that every action has a co...	Moksha The end of the cycle of rebirth, whe...	Dharma Living a good, moral life and followi...
Vishnu The Preserver, who protects the uni...	Shiva The Destroyer, who clears away the o...	Ganesha The elephant-headed god who re...
Avatar A deity who takes a human or animal ...	Puja The act of worship, which can happen a...	Mandir The name for a Hindu temple.
Murti A statue or image of a deity used to he...	Diwali The Festival of Lights, celebrating the...	Holi The Festival of Colors, celebrating sprin...
Om A sacred sound and symbol representing...	Vegetarianism Many Hindus avoid eating m...	If a person follow...
Explain the differ...	Which deity woul...	Why do some Hi...
Describe how the ...		