

Exploring Hindu Traditions: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and explain key concepts, beliefs, and practices within Hinduism, demonstrating an understanding of diversity and significance.

Use this fact-file to organise what you have learned about Hinduism. Ellie the elephant has a fantastic memory, so try to be as specific as you can when describing the beliefs and symbols you have studied. Use the word bank to help you construct your sentences.

Word bank: Brahman · Dharma · Karma · Mandir · Aum · Diwali · Puja · Mantra · Deity · Shrine

1. The Concept of Brahman: Explain how Hindus understand the divine. If Brahman is the ultimate reality, how might this be represented by different deities? (3 marks)

2. Dharma and Karma: Compare and contrast these two concepts. How do these beliefs influence the daily choices a person might make? (3 marks)

3. The Mandir: Describe the features of a Mandir. Why is this space significant for community worship? (2 marks)

4. Symbols and Sound: Choose one symbol (such as Aum) or a ritual (such as Puja). Justify why this is important to a practising Hindu. (3 marks)

5. Festivals and Light: Explain the significance of Diwali. What might happen if the traditions of light and family were removed from this celebration? (3 marks)

6. Personal Reflection: Reflect on what you have learned. Which aspect of Hindu belief do you find the most fascinating and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the concept of 'Dharma' to a younger student. Write a short poem or a persuasive paragraph justifying why living a life of good deeds (Karma) is important for a peaceful society.