

Exploring Hindu Beliefs: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the core concepts of Hinduism, including the concept of Brahman, the Trimurti, and the importance of dharma.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey of discovery! Use your class notes and research books to complete this fact-file. Remember, Ellie values accuracy, so ensure you provide detailed explanations for each concept. Think carefully about how these beliefs influence the daily lives of practitioners.

Word bank: Brahman · Trimurti · Dharma · Karma · Atman · Shruti · Puja · Moksha

1. The Concept of Brahman: Explain what Brahman represents in Hinduism and why it is considered the ultimate reality. (3 marks)

2. The Trimurti: Identify the three deities that make up the Trimurti and describe the specific role or function of each one. (4 marks)

3. Living with Dharma: Define the term 'dharma' and justify why following one's duty is central to Hindu life. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare the concept of Karma with the idea of 'consequences' in your own life. How are they similar or different? (4 marks)

5. Ritual and Worship: Describe what happens during a Puja ceremony. Explain why these acts of devotion are important to Hindu believers. (3 marks)

6. Reflective Thinking: What might happen if a person chose to ignore the concept of Dharma? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the concept of the Trimurti to someone who has never heard of it before. Write a short, persuasive paragraph explaining why Hindus view these three deities as essential parts of a single cycle. Then, create a symbolic design that represents the harmony of these three powers.