Exploring Hinduism with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the key beliefs, deities, and traditions of Hinduism.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey to learn about one of the world's oldest religions. Read each question carefully and circle your answer.

Answer Key: 1. A (Brahman), 2. True, 3. False (it is a symbol), 4. Diwali, 5. Dharma, 6. Mandir, 7. B (The Vedas), 8. True, 9. Karma, 10. True. Ellie reminds us that Hinduism is a diverse religion with many paths to the truth!

Word bank: Brahman · Dharma · Karma · Diwali · Mandir · Aum · Vedas

1. 1. What is the name of the ultimate reality or supreme power in Hinduism? A) Brahman* B) Vishnu C) Shiva D) Ganesha (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Hinduism is considered one of the oldest religions in the world. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The symbol 'Aum' is a type of musical instrument. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which famous festival of lights celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil? (1 mark)

5. 5. What term refers to an individual's duty, virtue, and the right way of living? (Hint: Starts with D) (1 mark)

6. 6. Where do Hindus go to worship and offer prayers? A) A church B) A mosque C) A mandir* D) A synagogue (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these are the oldest sacred texts of Hinduism? A) The Quran B) The Vedas* C) The Torah D) The Tripitaka (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Many Hindus believe in reincarnation, which is the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the concept that every action has a reaction, influencing a person's future? (Hint: Starts with K) (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Hindus believe that the soul (Atman) is eternal. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful 'diya' lamp like those used during Diwali, and decorate it with intricate patterns inspired by rangoli art.

Extension challenge: Research one Hindu deity (such as Ganesha, Saraswati, or Lakshmi) and write a short paragraph explaining what they represent and why they are important to their followers.