

Can I plan an essay about Hinduism?

Lesson 8 of 10

Religious Education



What is an essay?

An essay is a piece of writing that focuses on a particular subject.

For example:

- Sharks;
- World War I;
- The Amazon Rainforest;
- Medieval Monarchs;
- Buddhism



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How is Hinduism unique?

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Paragraph 1 How did Hinduism begin and develop as a religion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hinduism originated in Indus Valley near River Indus - Aryan migration c.3000 BCE - Aryans connected to the Vedas = knowledge (of existence) - Began as an oral tradition - Relied on exact pronunciation - Vedic period - the Vedas recorded c1,200 - 200 BCE 	<p>originated Indus Valley/River Indus Aryan migration c.3000 BCE The Vedas = knowledge (of existence) oral tradition = spoken exact pronunciation Vedic period (c.1,200 - 200 BCE)</p>



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<p>Paragraph 2 How does dharma influence how Hindus live?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dharma is the power that supports the universe - Self-dharma (sva-dharma) based on caste system (role in society) - Social dharma (sanatana dharma) based on universal behaviours e.g honesty/generosity 	<p>Dharma = the power that supports the universe</p> <p>Self-dharma (sva-dharma)</p> <p>Caste system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and Shudras with Dalits <p>Social dharma (sanatana dharma) - universal behaviours e.g. honesty</p>



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<p>Paragraph 3 What are Hindu beliefs about karma, samsara and Moksha?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hindus believe that Atman is the soul or the spiritual being - samsara is the cycle of life - rebirth depends on karma = for every action, there is a consequence - Moksha = spiritual realization and freedom (being at one with Brahma) - Hindus are cremated after death 	<p>Atman = the soul; the spiritual being samsara = the cycle of life rebirth karma = for every action, there is a consequence good karma bad karma Moksha = spiritual realization and freedom (being at one with Brahma) cremated</p>



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<p>Paragraph 4 Who is Brahman to Hindus?</p>	<p>Hindus believe that Brahman is one 'Supreme Spirit' in many forms Brahman also known as trimurti = three gods with three key functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva <p>Shakti = strength / feminine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saraswati, Lakshmi, Parvati, Durga 	<p>Brahman = one 'Supreme Spirit' in many forms Trimurti = three gods with three key functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva <p>Shakti = strength / feminine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saraswati, Lakshmi, Parvati, Durga



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Paragraph 5 What is the story of Shiva and the Ganges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The goddess Ganga used to be in heaven- Lord Shiva brought her down to Earth through his matted hair- The River Ganges is a now a holy river	Goddess Ganga heaven Lord Shiva matted hair Earth River Ganges holy river



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<p>Paragraph 6</p> <p>What are some of the other important Holy texts of Hinduism?</p>	<p>Smriti - ancient religious texts remembered by sages</p> <p>The Ramayanas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epic poem about Rama and Sita overcoming Demon King Ravana <p>The Mahabharata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bhagavad Gita about Lord Krishna advising the warrior Arjuna about his duty to fight <p>The Puranas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection of poems about Lords Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva and Krishna 	<p>Smriti</p> <p>sages</p> <p>The Ramayanas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epic poem: Rama and Sita <p>The Mahabharata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bhagavad Gita - Lord Krishna - warrior Arjuna <p>The Puranas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection of poems - Lords Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva and Krishna

