

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



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



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



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





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



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

