



KEY
VOCABULARY

Hinduism

Vedas

Brahman

polytheistic

trimurti

dharma

samsara

karma

moksha

Puja

one of the world's oldest **religions** – people who follow it believe in **God**, celebrate **special festivals**, and try to **live kindly and respectfully**

Hinduism's oldest **sacred books** filled with **songs**, **prayers**, and **teachings**

the name Hindus give to **God**, who they believe is **everywhere** and in **everything**

the belief in **many gods**

the Hindu idea of **one God** (Brahman) shown in three forms: **Brahma** the creator, **Vishnu** the protector, and **Shiva** the destroyer

doing the right thing and living a **good, fair life**

the **cycle of life** – being born, dying, and **being reborn again**

the **belief** that good or bad **actions** have **consequences**

freedom from being reborn – the goal of reaching **peace with Brahman**

Hindu **prayer** or **worship** at **home** or in **the temple**

Shiva

the Destroyer

Hindu Trimurti



Brahma

the Creator

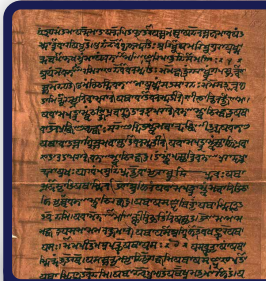
Vishnu

the Preserver



Aum

a sacred symbol



Vedas

a collection of
sacred texts



Mandir

a sacred place
for Hindus



Diwali

the Hindu festival
of light