

## Knowledge Organiser

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### Purpose of Unit:

- To know and understand key Hindu beliefs and teachings

### Key Learning/Knowledge:

- Know about what Brahman is and can explain Brahman both as **nirguna** and as saguna Brahman
- Know about the key gods and goddesses and can explain the significance of the trimurti, Vishnu, Shiva, Krishna and Shakti
- Can explain the atman, karma, samsara, reincarnation
- Can explain dharma
- Know the Four Aims (dharma, artha, kama and moksha)
- Know the four varnas (Brahmins, Ksatriyas, vaishyas and shudras)
- Know the four ashramas or stages of life (student, householder, retired, sannyasin- renouncer)
- Know what prakriti is and the tri-guna, three qualities

### Key Vocabulary and meanings:

**Brahman** – Ultimate Reality / God  
**Nirguna Brahman** – with no qualities  
**Saguna Brahman** – with qualities  
**Atman** – self or soul  
**Trimurti** – three images of god  
**Brahma** - creator  
**Vishnu** - preserver  
**Shiva** - destroyer  
**Krishna** – an avatar of Vishnu  
**Shakti** – the goddess, god's energy  
**Karma** – actions and consequences  
**Samsara** – cycle of birth, death and rebirth  
**Moksha** – liberation from samsara  
**Dharma** - duty  
**Varnas** – social classes and groups  
**Ashramas** – stages of life  
**Prakriti** – nature, matter, the universe  
**Triguna** – three qualities of the universe (light, energy, dark)

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- **Understand** – explain the meaning of religious teachings and ideas
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