

Y3/4-Knowledge Organiser - RE. What is it like to be a Hindu?

Key Facts

- Most Hindus believe in one God, Brahman, but he can be represented in many different ways as gods and goddesses.
- A Durga murti often shows the goddess in red or purple clothes, these colours are the sign of action.
- The Trimurti represents Brahman as: Creator (Brahma), Preserver (Vishnu) and Destroyer (Shiva).
- The Aum (Om) symbol is the most widely used symbol in Hinduism. It is considered the very first sound of the universe.
- Hindus chant Aum in meditation, the sounds AUM stand for the Trimurti.
- A lot of Hindus worship daily at a shrine in their home.
- Hindus celebrate Divali – the Festival of light.

Key Vocabulary

Durga = goddess deity of Hinduism.

Murti = statue

Trimurti = 3 principle forms of Brahman, the Supreme Spirit or God.

Aum = A sacred symbol considered to be the greatest of all the mantras.

Shrine = a sacred space dedicated to a specific deity.

Puja = a Hindu act of worship.

