

**Year 8 Religious Education – Where Can I Find Guidance?  
Topic Two – What do Hindus Believe about the Purpose of Life?**

Here are some of the key words from this topic.  
Can you add anymore?  
Can you add any definition?

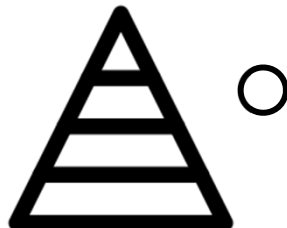
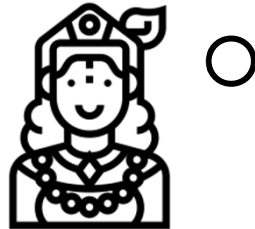
**The Big Picture:**

Can you answer the 'big picture' questions?



- **What** is Purpose of Life in Hinduism?
- **Who** was Krishna?
- **What** does it mean to be Hindu in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

How does today's learning link to the 'Big Picture'? Add a summary of the lesson alongside each image. Could you link any of the ideas/concepts of the lessons together?



Main Hindu Gods & Goddesses			
THE TRIMURTI (Hindu Trinity):		SHAKTIS (female aspects):	
	<p><b>Brahma</b></p> <p><b>The Creator</b></p> <p>Vehicle: swan</p> <p>has 4 heads, 4 arms, and a reddish complexion</p> <p>not commonly worshipped; not to be confused with Brahman (the ground of all being) or the Brahman (priestly caste)</p>	<p><b>Saraswati</b></p> <p><b>Goddess of knowledge, music, and the arts</b></p> <p>Vehicle: swan</p> <p>wife of Brahma</p> <p>sits on a white lotus playing a veena</p>	
	<p><b>Vishnu</b></p> <p><b>The Preserver</b></p> <p>Vehicle: garuda (bird)</p> <p>has 4 arms, a blueish complexion, and rests on a snake</p> <p>was incarnated (born as an animal or human) nine times with one more still to come; is the main god of Vaishnavism</p>	<p><b>Lakshmi</b></p> <p><b>Goddess of wealth and prosperity</b></p> <p>Vehicle: owl</p> <p>wife of Vishnu</p> <p>usually shown bestowing coins and flanked by elephants</p>	
	<p><b>Shiva</b></p> <p><b>The Destroyer / Transformer</b></p> <p>Vehicle: bull</p> <p>has matted hair, a third eye, a blue throat and a trident in his hand</p> <p>often worshipped in the featureless lingam form; is the main god of Saivism</p>	<p><b>Parvati</b></p> <p><b>The Divine Mother</b></p> <p>Vehicle: lion</p> <p>the reincarnation of Shiva's first wife</p> <p>has many forms, such as the popular Durga and Kali (see below); often shown together with Saraswati and Lakshmi as the tridevi (triple goddesses)</p>	

**Glossary of Key Terms:**

- artha
- Brahma
- Brahman
- Caste system
- deity
- dharma
- Diwali
- Hindu
- Hinduism
- kama
- karma
- Krishna
- Mandir
- moksha
- Purusharthas
- Samsara
- Shiva
- shrine
- Trimurti
- Vedas
- Vishnu

**CEIAG Link:**

For this topic we are studying, we can make links to a variety of professions:  
-Secondary School Teacher

If these are something you are interested in, do some research on the profession or speak to Mrs Ackroyd!