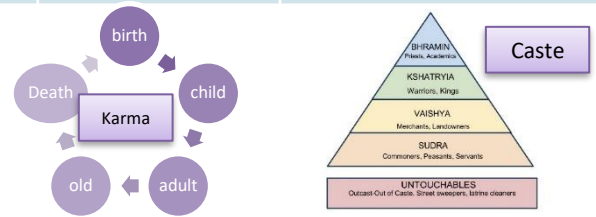


Hindu Beliefs		
1	Why is it monotheist?	Brahman is the one, ultimate God
2	Why is it polytheist?	Brahman can appear as many deities
3	What is the Trimurti?	Brahma (creator), Vishnu (sustainer) Shiva (destroyer)
4	Who is Shiva?	Shiva shows the importance of endings and change in life
5	What is the Ramayana?	Epic Indian poem about Rama and Sita in exile
6	Who is Rama?	Avatar of Vishnu who is a prince and fulfils his dharma
7	What is the moral?	Good defeats evil and everyone must follow dharma.

Life and Death		
1	What do Hindus believe?	The soul is repeatedly reborn in new bodies
2	What is karma? (see below)	Good or bad energy that affects rebirth
3	What is moksha?	The soul escapes rebirth to enter peace
4	Why cremation?	Bodies are burnt to let the soul escape
5	Why are ashes put in a river?	Rivers flow like life and death.

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<b>Ahmisa</b>	Non violence
<b>Bhagavad Gita</b>	Hindu holy book
<b>Brahma</b>	The creator God
<b>Brahman</b>	The one God
<b>Caste</b>	Social groupings in India
<b>Cremation</b>	Burning a dead body
<b>Deity</b>	god or goddess
<b>Dharma/dhamma</b>	Duty or responsibility
<b>Karma</b>	Energy that affects rebirth
<b>Mandir</b>	Hindu temple
<b>Moksha</b>	Blissful freedom from the cycle of rebirth
<b>Monotheism</b>	Belief in one God
<b>Pacifist</b>	Practice non-violence
<b>Pilgrimage</b>	Religious journey
<b>Polytheism</b>	Belief in many gods
<b>Puja</b>	Hindu worship
<b>Shiva</b>	Destroyer god
<b>Shrine</b>	A sacred site dedicated to a god or goddess
<b>Vishnu</b>	Sustainer god



Hindu Worship		
1	What is puja?	Hindu worship; involving candles, fruit and murti (image)
2	What is a mandir?	A Hindu temple where they perform puja
3	Which deity?	Each Hindu family will have a favourite deity to worship
4	What is in a shrine?	An image of a deity, diva candles, and offerings

Peace and Conflict		
1	What is the caste system?	Indian social order of status (see above)
2	Who was Gandhi?	A peaceful protestor who showed ahmisa
3	What is the warrior caste?	Those with a duty to protect others
4	Why are Hindus peaceful?	Brahman created all life to be sacred

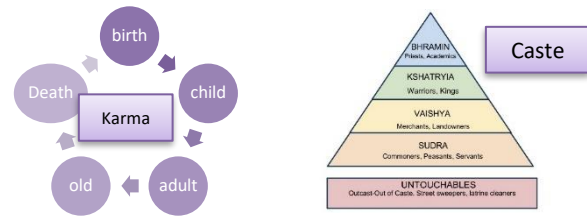


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