

AIM: How is Hinduism a way of life?

DO NOW:

Read the following excerpt about the origins of Hinduism and answer the question below in a complete sentence.

Hinduism is a collection of religious beliefs that developed slowly over a long period of time in India. Hinduism cannot be traced back to one founder with a single set of ideas. However, Hindus share a common worldview. They see religion as a way of liberating (freeing) the soul from the illusions, disappointments and mistakes of everyday life.

How do Hindus view religion? _____

STATION 1

1. Define: moksha: _____
Define: dharma: _____
2. List AND explain the 3 ways for Hindu to achieve moksha.
 - 1- _____ : _____
 - 2- _____ : _____
 - 3- _____ : _____
3. How is Hinduism a way of life? _____

STATION 2

1. Do Hindus believe in more than one god? (circle one) YES or NO
What is the term to describe this belief? _____
2. List AND explain the 3 major Hindu gods.
 - 1- _____ : _____
 - 2- _____ : _____
 - 3- _____ : _____
3. Define: reincarnation: _____
4. How does the belief in karma PROVE that Hinduism is a way of life? _____

STATION 3

1. What is the caste system? _____
2. Why does the caste system **NOT** allow for social mobility?

3. How does following the caste system **PROVE** that Hinduism is a way of life?

STATION 4

1. What are the **SACRED TEXTS** of Hinduism?
_____ and _____
2. What is a sacred animal to the Hindus? _____
3. What is the Hindu practice of sati? _____
4. How does the practice of sati **PROVE** that Hinduism is a way of life?

STATION 5

1. Define: harijan: _____
2. How did the Indian Constitution of 1950 change the status of the *untouchables*? _____
3. How does the Indian Constitution **PROVE** that Hinduism is a way of life?

STATION 6

1. What is being worshipped in the video? _____
2. How do Hindus use the Ganges River? _____

3. Hindus rely on the Ganges River for many things. How does this **PROVE** that Hinduism is a way of life? _____
