

HINDU EXERCISES

A - Exercises

1. Find India on a map of the world.
2. How many times would your country fit into India?
3. How many people live in India? How much larger is this than the number of people that live in your country?
4. Make a timeline and indicate on it what kinds of people came to India when, and where they settled.
5. What has changed in India since its independence?
6. What is the importance of animals (cattle) in the Indian economy? Compare this to the importance of cattle in your own country.
7. Why do you think so many people from the west are attracted to India?
8. What are the most important differences between Vedism and Hinduism?
9. Some gods have human qualities? What gods are these?
10. Time plays a role in the creation myth. Make a timeline of the creation myth.
11. What similarities do you see between the Hindu creation myth and those of other cultures?

B - Exercises

Look at a few websites that deal with this culture and choose one or two that have images, sounds or text that you think are useful for preparing your presentation. Make a summary or a sketch of the Hindu creation myth on a piece of flip chart paper. As much as possible, try to use the illustrations and images you found on the internet.

Choose one of the following exercises:

1. What led the gods to kill the creator Prajapati? Create a short play about this. When doing this think carefully about the personalities of the different gods. Make an appropriate mask for each of the players.

or

2. A boy from a Hindu family falls in love with a girl from an "untouchable" family. What will happen? Create a play with the following roles: one of the parents, a priest, a supporter of Gandhi and the boy. When creating the play think carefully about what you know about the Caste system in India.

C - Exercises

What in your opinion are the most interesting aspects of Hindu culture and why?

