

Unit 2.7: What do Hindus believe God is like?

Key Vocabulary

Brahman	The one true God or universal soul that Hindus believe in.
Deity	A god or goddess. Plural: Deities
Trimurti	The 3 most important Gods (forms of one true God)
Murtis	Images or statues of Hindu gods or goddesses
Puja	The name given by Hindus for worship.
Shrine	A place containing a religious statue or object where one can worship
Mandir	A Hindu temple where Hindus can go for communal worship.
Atman	Hindu belief that there is a 'spark' of God in everyone.



Hinduism



Brahma



Vishnu



Shiva



Home Shrine



Mandir

Key Facts

- Brahman is the one true God known as 'universal soul'.
- Brahman is everywhere and in everything.
- As part of the Trimurti, there are three Gods.
 1. Brahma- creator
 2. Vishnu- preserver
 3. Shiva- destroyer
- Hindus will often choose a deity to worship depending on what is important to them.
- Hindus' belief in Atman means that they try very hard to care for every person, animal and the planet.