



Key Facts		
1	Place of origin	India
2	Age	Over 4000 year old (the oldest of the world's religions)
3	Number of followers	750 million
4	Sacred Text	Vedas
5	Places of worship	Mandir (Hindu temple)

Important Story

1	Sita and Rama	Rama rescued Princess Sita with the help of his monkey army.	Moral: This story teaches us that, with patience, good can triumph over evil.
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Key Beliefs		
1	Karma	The effect of your actions on your soul.
2	Dharma	Being a good and respectful person
3	Reincarnation	After death, your soul is brought into a another creature. The type of creature depends on how good, or bad, your karma is.

Major Festivals

1	Diwali	A celebration of light. Lanterns are lit.
2	Holi	A celebration of good triumphing over evil. Powder paint is thrown!

Vocabulary

1	shrine	A holy place, dedicated to a specific god or person.
2	pilgrimage	A journey to a spiritually important place.
3	reincarnation	Being born again after you die, sometimes as a different animal.
4	deity	A god or a representation of god
5	sacred	Something that is special to a religion

Gods

1	Brahman	Hindus believe Brahman is the supreme spirit of god.	
2	Vishnu	Vishnu is the preserver. His job is to protect humans and keep order.	
3	Shiva	Shiva is the 'destroyer'. He destroys things so that they can be re-created .	
4	Ganesh	Ganesh is a the god of wisdom, success and luck. He is known as the remover of obstacles.	