

Welcome to the World of Hinduism!

Hinduism is one of the oldest and most diverse religions in the world, with a rich cultural and historical heritage. In this welcome pack, we will introduce you to the main Hindu deities and their roles, providing a comprehensive understanding of the Hindu pantheon and its significance in the religion.

Who are the Main Hindu Deities?

The main Hindu deities are a group of powerful beings who are believed to have control over various aspects of the universe. The three primary aspects of the Supreme Being in Hinduism are:

- **Brahma:** The creator of the universe
- **Vishnu:** The preserver of the universe
- **Shiva:** The destroyer of the universe

Other important Hindu deities include:

- **Ganesha:** The remover of obstacles
- **Durga:** The goddess of strength and protection
- **Krishna:** The god of love and divine love

What are the Roles of the Hindu Deities?

Each Hindu deity has a unique role and responsibility, and they are often worshipped and revered for their powers and attributes. For example:

- **Brahma** is often worshipped for creation, knowledge, and wisdom
- **Vishnu** is often worshipped for protection, preservation, and salvation
- **Shiva** is often worshipped for transformation, renewal, and liberation

Activity 1: Match the Deity with its Role

Match the following deities with their roles:

Deity	Role
Brahma	
Vishnu	
Shiva	
Ganesha	
Durga	

Answers:

- Brahma: Creator of the universe
- Vishnu: Preserver of the universe
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- Durga: Goddess of strength and protection

Activity 2: Describe the Significance of a Hindu Deity

Choose a Hindu deity and describe its significance in Hinduism. Consider the following questions:

- What is the deity's role and responsibility?
- How is the deity worshipped and revered?
- What are the deity's powers and attributes?

Activity 3: Create a Hindu Deity Diagram

Create a diagram that shows the relationships between the main Hindu deities and their roles. Consider the following:

- The three primary aspects of the Supreme Being (Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva)
- The other important Hindu deities (Ganesha, Durga, and Krishna)
- The powers and attributes of each deity

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Conclusion

In conclusion, the main Hindu deities and their roles are an essential part of Hinduism, and understanding them is crucial for appreciating the religion's richness and diversity. We hope that this welcome pack has provided you with a comprehensive introduction to the Hindu pantheon and its significance in the religion.

Glossary

Here is a list of key terms and their definitions:

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Further Reading

For further reading and exploration, please refer to the following resources:

- **Hindu Mythology** by Devdutt Pattanaik
- **The Hindu Deities** by Alain Daniélou
- **Hinduism: A Very Short Introduction** by Kim Knott

