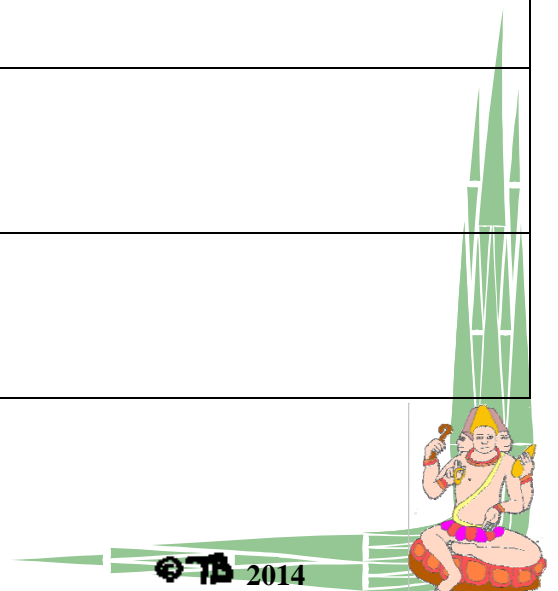


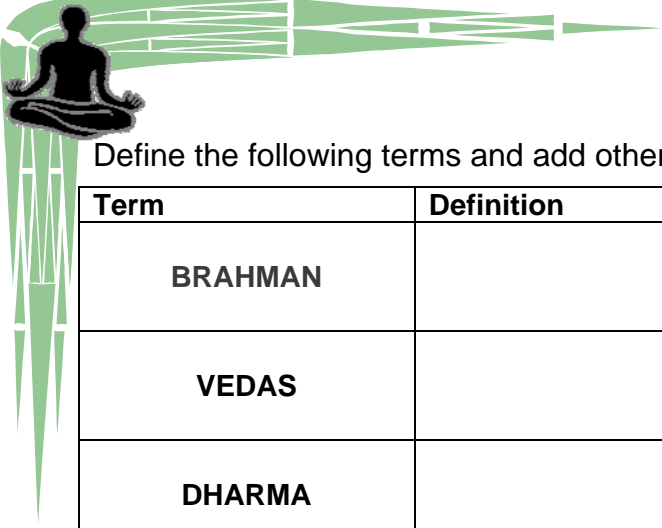
Core Beliefs - Hinduism

To be a Hindu, one can believe a variety of things about God, the universe and the path to liberation. However, there is a set of fundamental beliefs that is common to all Hindus.

Complete the table below, expanding on each belief.

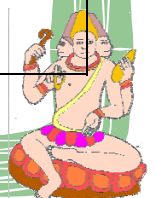
	Describe this belief.
1. All-Pervasive Supreme Being	
2. Divinity of the four Vedas	
3. Three Worlds and Cycles of Creation	
4. The Laws of Karma and Dharma	
5. Reincarnation and Liberation	
6. Temples and the Inner Worlds	
7. Yoga Guided by a Satguru	
8. Compassion and Non-injury	
9. Genuine Respect for Other Faiths	





Define the following terms and add other words that you came across in your research.

Term	Definition
BRAHMAN	
VEDAS	
DHARMA	
KARMA	
MOKSHA	
REINCARNATION	
DEVA	
SATGURU	
ATMAN	
SAMSARA	
AHIMSA	



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Useful Web sites for Core Beliefs:

<http://carm.org/hinduism-beliefs>

<http://www.hinduismtoday.com/modules/smartsection/item.php?itemid=3106>

<https://www.himalayanacademy.com/readlearn/basics/nine-beliefs>

Term	Definition
BRAHMAN	The great power that controls everything.
VEDAS	The oldest collection of Hindu sacred texts.
DHARMA	The eternal law of the cosmos, inherent in the very nature of things.
KARMA	The total effect of a person's actions, whether for good or evil.
MOKSHA	The transcendent state attained as a result of being released from the cycle of rebirth.
REINCARNATION	The cycle of death and rebirth. Belief that the soul is reborn in another body.
DEVA	Hindu term for god.
SATGURU	A title given specifically only to an enlightened <i>rishi/sant</i> whose life's purpose is to guide initiated <i>shishya</i> along the spiritual path, the summation of which is the realisation of the Self through realisation of God, who is omnipresent.
ATMAN	An individual's soul or self.
SAMSARA	The cycle of repeated births and deaths.
AHIMSA	Respect for all living things and avoidance of violence towards others.