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Hindu Gods Identity Cards

Hindus can choose which gods to worship in order to reach the Absolute. Use resources on Hinduism to match the names of these Hindu Gods to their following descriptions and pictures. Add other information that you find in your resource materials to the cards. Color the cards, cut them apart, and staple them together to form a book. Keep this book handy as a reference throughout the unit.

Names of the Hindu Gods

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| a. Lord Shiva (Siva) | d. Lord Vishnu | g. Lord Brahma | j. Parvati |
| b. Durga (Devi) | e. Indra | h. Ganesha (Ganapati) | k. Krishna |
| c. Surya (Savitr) | f. Agni | i. Ganga | |

1. _____

The eldest son of Brahma, he is the god of fire and is colored red.

His fire links heaven and Earth by carrying people's sacrifices to the gods. His favorite pet is a ram.



2. _____

This son of Shiva and Parvati has the head and body of an elephant. He is the patron of schools and letters. He is the god of learning and is worshipped at the start of any enterprise. He is also the god who wards off evil. He rode on a mouse that could gnaw through any obstacle.



3. _____

He is called the Indestructible, the Creator of the World, the Supreme Ruler, and the Source of all Knowledge. He has four heads and is colored red. He rides on a swan or goose which symbolizes knowledge. In his four hands he holds a scepter, a ladle, beads, a bow, and a jug. He is part of the Hindu Trinity.



Make a Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal stands on the west bank of the Yamuna River near Agra. Building began in 1632 and took about 20 years to complete. It is built of white marble and was originally decorated with precious stones. Inside are the tombs of Momtaz Mahal and Shah Jahan. It is a fabulous feat of architecture which you can duplicate by following these directions:

1. Turn the outline of the Taj Mahal over and trace over the lines on the back using a fine line black marker. Add any designs and features that you want so that the building is covered with patterns like the original Taj Mahal.
2. Use colored pencils to add shading to the picture in yellows, browns, and pinks. Cut out your building and glue it to a sheet of black construction paper.
3. Display your Taj Mahal with the others from the class.

