

## Big Question: How do Hindus worship?



Shrine



Aum (Om)



The Neasden Mandir  
(Hindu place of worship).



The Ganges River - an  
important pilgrimage  
site in India.

### Key Vocabulary:

**Avatar** - descent to earth of a god at a time of trouble.

**Brahman**- the one supreme being.

**Darshan**- viewing with respect a holy image / murti and receiving a divine blessing,

**Mantra** - chants or prayers to god; repeating holy sounds or words.

**Monotheism** - belief in one god.

**Puja**- the Hindu word for worship.

**shrine** - a special holy place, where a deity or pictures of gods are kept.

**Trimurti**- the three main Hindu deities -Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.



Shiva (destroyer)



Vishnu (sustainer)



Brahma (creator)

Hindus worship one Supreme Being, Brahman. The different images of gods and goddesses communicate the different attributes of Brahman.

Many Hindus start their prayers with the Aum sound which was the first sound that began the creation of the universe.

