

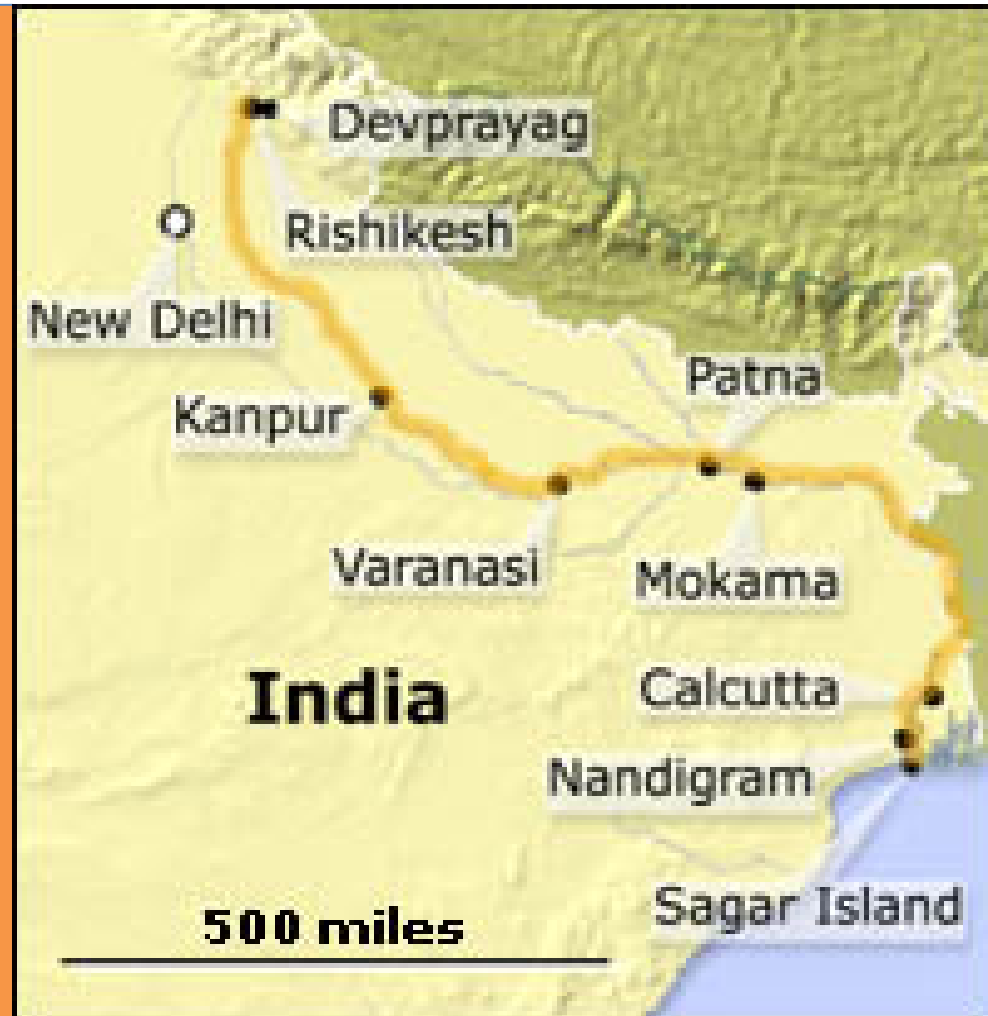
Ganga Ma- Why is the River Ganges so important to Hindus?

Learning Aim: To be able to describe what the River Ganges is used for and explain why it is so important to Hindus

Starter Task: Test yourself-

The River Ganges is shown as a yellow line on this map-

- 1) What country is the River Ganges in?
- 2) Where is the source of the River Ganges?
- 3) Where is the mouth of the River Ganges?
- 4) Approximately how long is the River Ganges?



Task: As you watch the clip answer the questions on your sheet.

Level 5+: Ensure you answer the REACH extension question number 6.

Be ready to discuss!



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/hinduism-in-varanasi/3617.html>

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Task:

Look at each of the images carefully. Next to each image complete the tasks below in full sentences-

1) Describe what you can see in the image (Level 4)



2) What are the Hindus using the river for? Explain. (Level 5)

3) Using the image explain why the River Ganges is so important to Hindus? (Level 5+)



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Task: using your new knowledge write a paragraph about what you have learned today. Use all these words appropriately.

Varanasi

Ganges

sacred

Hindus

bathing

pilgrimage

India

sins

Who is Shiva?

Learning Aim: to be able to identify the God Shiva and explain why he is worshipped by Hindus

Starter Task:

Use the information about symbols on the sheet to help you label your picture of Shiva.

Try to find all the symbols and explain what they mean.



This is a cobra. It shows that....



What happens when a Hindu dies?

Learning Aim: to be able to describe a Hindu funeral and explain what Hindus believe happens when a person dies

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFNKdMSI2A0&feature=related>

Listen and watch out for the answers to these questions:

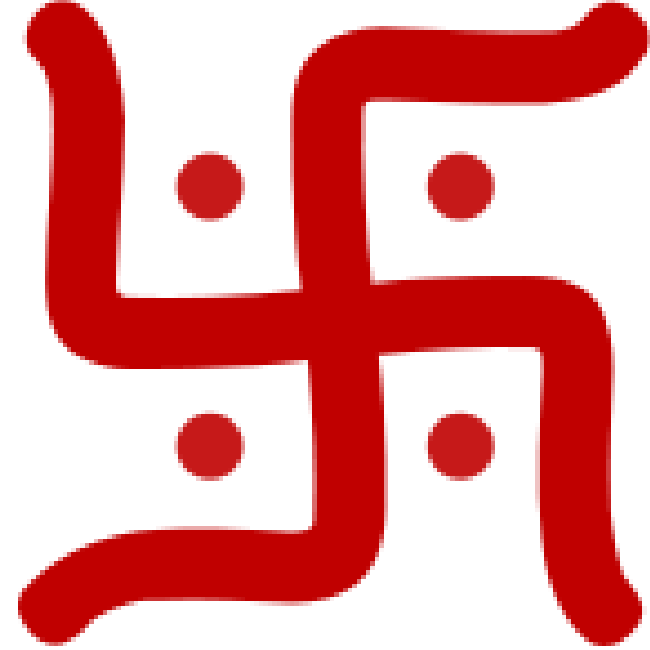
- What do Hindus believe happens after you die?
- Why do people go to the Ganges to cremate the dead?
- What happens during a cremation?

Now answer the questions on the information sheet



Create a Hindu order of service for a funeral-

- 1) Create a front cover with the person's name
- 2) Inside explain step-by-step what will happen at their funeral





Now you know a little more, what do you think is going on this picture?



What do you think this lady might be doing?