# MCj04349550000[1]Tracking Early Hinduism

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# Introduction

India remains one of the most religiously diverse nations in the world. Hindus, Muslims, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jews, and Christians have a home in India. The oldest and most widely practiced religion in India, Hinduism, has deep roots in the subcontinent. Throughout the numerous political upheaval and foreign invasions, Hinduism remained the sole constant throughout the region’s history.

Hindu beliefs developed over the centuries and include many influences, including numerous sacred texts, thousands of deities, and holy sites that continue to draw millions of pilgrims.

## Main Task

**You will be taking off on a virtual tour of India that will highlight the development of ancient Hinduism from the perspective of a foreign traveler just discovering this religion. Your task will be to create either a Prezi or a scrapbook. You will include both images as well as explanations that will describe your journey. You may use images from the Internet (with appropriate citation) or create your own.**

You should draw from resources such as the ancient texts to the stories of the gods to the holy sites along the banks of the Ganges River. Topics could include:

* The importance of the Ganges River
* Origins of Sanskrit
* The Vedas and Mahabharata
* The various gods

## Brief Process:

1. Gain a basic understanding of Hinduism through the provided text and video resources.
2. Create a persona that will go on this exploration of the largest Indian religion. You can draw from the many historical visitors and invaders who have come to India for trade and conquest – from the Romans to the Mughals to the British.
3. **Review and research five to seven topics** from the provided text and video resources.
4. MCj04355420000[1]Create a scrapbook page/Prezi text box for each topic(so will have **5-7** pages/prezi topics). Include basic information about the topic, the perception of your foreign visitor, and images that help illustrate the subject.