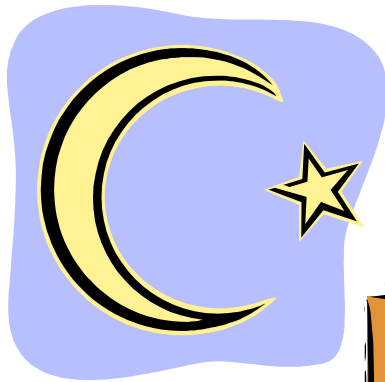


# The Symbols of Hinduism



Many religions have their own symbols.  
Do you recognise any of these symbols?

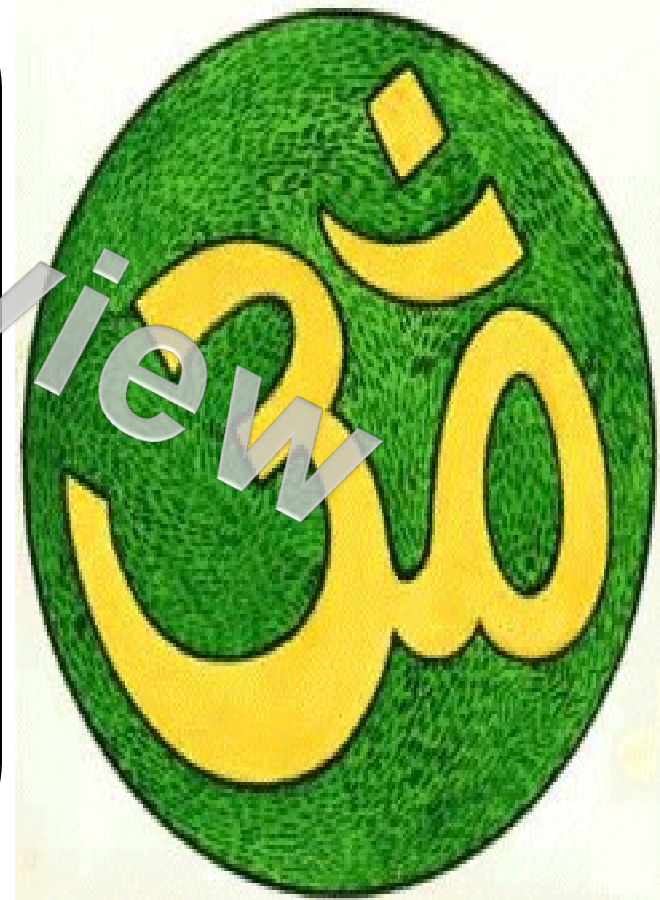


# Aum

*Click on the symbol for more information*

This symbol is the most important and special symbol in Hinduism. Aum represents the Brahman (from where the whole universe came). When you say AUM you use every part of your vocal organ:

A - comes from the throat.  
U and M come from the lips.



# The Hindu Swastika



The swastika is a very holy symbol representing the sun god Surya. It also shows how Hinduism is about every part and direction of your life.



# The Lotus Flower

Hindus believe the Creator Brahma came from a lotus flower. The lotus is also important in Hinduism, as, despite coming from muddy waters, it becomes a beautiful flower. People too should become kind and good and should never turn in to bad people.





## Bindi

This is the bindi, a dot worn on women's foreheads. It is a form of the tilak, a symbolic mark worn by many Hindu men and women. Traditionally, the bindi is worn on the forehead of married Hindu women. It symbolizes female energy and is believed to protect women and their husbands.

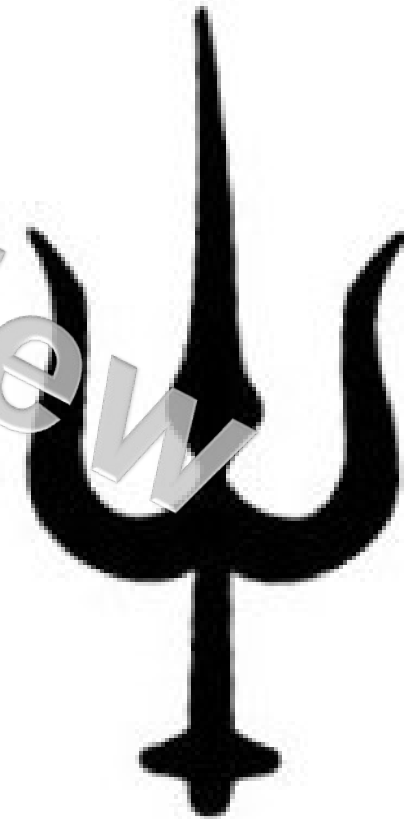




## Trihsula

The trihsula is a trident spear that is the emblem of the god Shiva. The three prongs of the trishula represent Shiva's three aspects of:

- creator,
- preserver
- destroyer





# Can you design a symbol?

Design your own religious symbol. What does it represent?

