

Vocabulary	Meaning
creation	causing something to exist
creator	the maker; god
genesis	the first book of the bible – the beginning of which is about God creating the universe
Brahma	the first god in the Hindu Trimurti
Trimurti	the three Hindu gods who are responsible for the creation, care and destruction of the world: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva
universe	everything that exists including the Earth and living things and all the stars and planets
ex nihilo	the world is created from nothing
Five types of creation story	ex nihilo, creation from chaos, world parents, emergence, earth-diver

### Key knowledge – creation stories

Christians believe the God created the Universe.

Day 1 – light was created  
 Day 2 – the sky was created  
 Day 3 – dry land, seas, plants and trees were created  
 Day 4 – the sun, moon and stars were created to give light to the world  
 Day 5 – creatures that live in the sea and creatures that fly were created  
 Day 6 – animals that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God were created  
 Day 7 – God finished his work of creation and rested, making the seventh day a special holy day

Most religions have a single creation story. Hinduism has many. This is because for Hindus there is no single creation, but periodic cycles of creation. One story is that a lotus flower grew from Lord Vishnu's navel with Brahma sitting on it. After eons of meditation Brahma hears a sound from the depths of the ocean, the sacred 'ohm'. Brahma split the lotus flower into three parts – one became the heavens, the other the sky and the last the Earth.

What do we think about creation?

Communicate

Apply

Does what we think about creation affect us?

Our key concept is:

Creation



How important is the creation story for Hindus/Christians?

Evaluate

Inquire

What does creation mean?

Contextualise

What story do Hindus/Christians tell about creation?

### Assessment focus – Evaluate

Discern and begin to describe the value of the concept in the lives of those living in the tradition studied as well as beginning to recognise some of the issues this might raise

How important is the creation story for Hindus?

Begin here