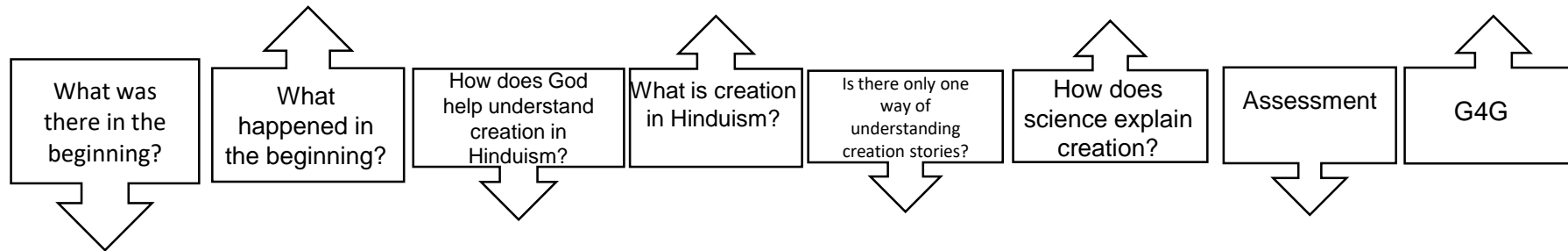
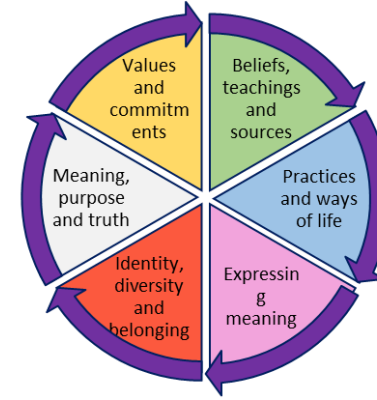


The big picture – Where did the universe come from?



Quizlet

Vocabulary

Creation, Christian, Genesis, Myth, Puranas, Rig Veda, Upanishads, Literalist, Non-literalist, Big Bang theory, Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Omnipotent, Omniscient

The Big Question: What was there in the beginning?

Christianity

What teaches Christians about creation?
Genesis – the first chapter in the Bible which explains how God created the universe and everything in it

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was with God”

How is God involved in creation
The Trinity – One God, Three aspects
God the Father- creator
God the Son – Jesus, the role model
God the Holy Spirit – present at creation, works in the universe

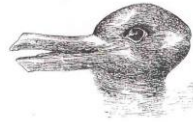


“...and God said.....”

“...and God saw that it was good”

What is the creation story for Christians?

7 days of creation in Genesis
Day 1 – night and day
Day 2 – sky
Day 3 – land and seas
Day 4 – sun, moon and stars
Day 5 – birds and fish
Day 6 – land animals, first humans
Day 7 God rested



Why is creation important to Christians?

- It confirms the Trinity is real
- It confirms God created the universe ‘good’
- Shows God’s omnipotence
- It shows God created humans last to look after his creation

Hinduism

There is only **one God**. There are three aspects of God: the Trimurti

What teaches Hindus about creation?

Puranas – sound of aum is the beginning of creation
Upanishads – the universe as an empty egg which later breaks in two halves
Rig Veda – ‘classes’ of humans made from the body parts of cosmic man



Brahma – the creator

Vishnu – the sustainer/preserver

Shiva – the destroyer

God as the Trimurti was present at creation

Creation is **myth** in Hinduism – not fact

Interpreting creation stories

Literal interpretation – reading a text and taking every word as fact and truth

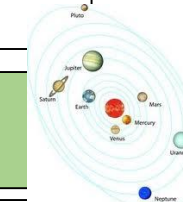
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Non-literal interpretation – reading a text and finding meaning in what it is saying

Scientific explanations

Who discovered that the universe had a single starting point?
Edward Hubble – telescope and discovered ‘red shift’ – universe is moving away from a single point

Big Bang Theory – everything comes from a single point which exploded – **no evidence yet for where this single point came from**



Don’t forget!

- Omnipotent** – all powerful
- Omniscient** – all knowing
- Benevolent** – all loving
- Omnipresent** – everywhere