Follow these steps to create your mandala. Have your teacher initial each step before you continue.

___ **Step 1:** Brainstorm symbols for the five basic Hindu beliefs. Each symbol should represent one of the beliefs and be different from those in your Reading Notes. Sketch your symbols below.

| Brahman | Multiple gods | Dharma | Karma | Samsara |

___ **Step 2:** Get a large piece of butcher paper and markers from your teacher. Draw the shape below onto the paper, making sure it takes up about three-fourths of the paper. Leave space for a wide border around it. Next, draw and color the symbols you created above into the spaces of the mandala. Color the background behind each symbol. Make your mandala as visually appealing as possible.

___ **Step 3:** Draw at least five symbols and images around the border of your artwork. Each drawing should relate to a way that Hinduism has influenced life in India. For example, you might draw a highly decorated cow since, according to Hindu beliefs, cows are considered sacred.

___ **Step 4:** Prepare to present your mandala. Make sure you and your partner can quickly and clearly explain how your symbols relate to Hindu beliefs.
Create an acrostic for the word *Hinduism*. Your acrostic should include
- words, phrases, or sentences for each letter in the word *Hinduism*.
- the terms *Brahman, multiple gods, dharma, karma*, and *samsara*.
- three ways Hinduism has affected life in India.