

PRE Curriculum

Worksheet 7.3.6a

“Specifications for the Environmental Project” (Individual Work)

The Project:

Write an illustrated magazine article called, “What Hindus think about the Environment”

In your article, you should include:

Title: Your article aims to create awareness of environmental issues and offer solutions based on Hindu teachings. The title (shown above) must appear at the top of the first page.

Paragraph 1: Introduction: In a short paragraph, (a) introduce your topic, (b) mention two or three environmental problems and how they affect us today (c) briefly mention your purpose i.e. that you will discuss and evaluate the solutions found in Hinduism.

Paragraph 2: Explain how understanding the Triguna might help us to treat the environment better. You can either agree or disagree about the usefulness of the Triguna. Please present good arguments, with clarity.

You could: (a) explain how a person behaves in each of the gunas i.e. towards the environment (b) how to better care for the environment using the Triguna. Use specific examples (e.g. a person that acts in sattva is caring and looks after things).

Paragraph 3: Explain how a second idea - ‘The presence of God in nature (the creation)’ - might help us improve the way we treat the environment.

You could: (a) explain the connections between God and nature (or how religious people see these links), (b) mention specific features of nature discussed in previous lessons (e.g. religious people might remember God when they see the Sun or the ocean), (c) answer the question, ‘how seeing God in nature might improve our behaviour towards the environment?’

Remember, you can also disagree with this last statement but - whatever you think - please give good reasons and arguments, and present evidence (including passages from holy books).

Paragraph 4: Offer one more possible solution to environmental problems (as you choose). These can be based on other teachings or theories discussed this term (e.g. *ahimsa*, cow protection, *karma*, scientific ideas, or Christian beliefs). You can also present your own ideas.

Paragraph 5, Conclusion: In two or three sentences, summarise your discussion and final conclusions about the usefulness (if any) of Hindu teachings when applied to the environment.

Also in your article include at least one picture (printed or drawn), with a caption.

The best article will be published or displayed.