

Hot Seating

Brief description of the activity

After some introductory work on the Hindu story 'The Ramayana' learners are asked to devise questions for a Hindu about how the Ramayana was relevant to them.

The teacher (or learner with appropriate preparation) wears a Sari (or other item to show when they are in role), and takes the role of a modern Hindu answering these questions.

Why I use it

To help pupils understand the significance of a religious story in guiding the behaviour of religious believers today.

To provide information not easily available elsewhere.

To develop empathy for, and understanding of, Hindu practitioners.

Golden Rules

Ensure pupils are used to oral work, and can listen to each other.

If not lay down ground rules before the session (e.g. hands up, no interrupting)

Take the clothing indicating the 'role' off, before intervening as a teacher.

Make sure you (the learner) are prepared for the questions (know or have read up on the subject).