

This is our big question  
for the year:

What is special to me and  
the people in my  
community?

LO: To explore the main stages of a Hindu ceremony.

Success Criteria:

I can identify which rituals I think are the most important and suggest meanings for them.

I can compare my opinions with others.

For those of you who have been to weddings, what are some of the traditions and rituals you have seen?





Today, we are going to look specifically at a Hindu wedding ceremony.

We are going to explore some of the rituals and compare them to other rituals we may have seen.

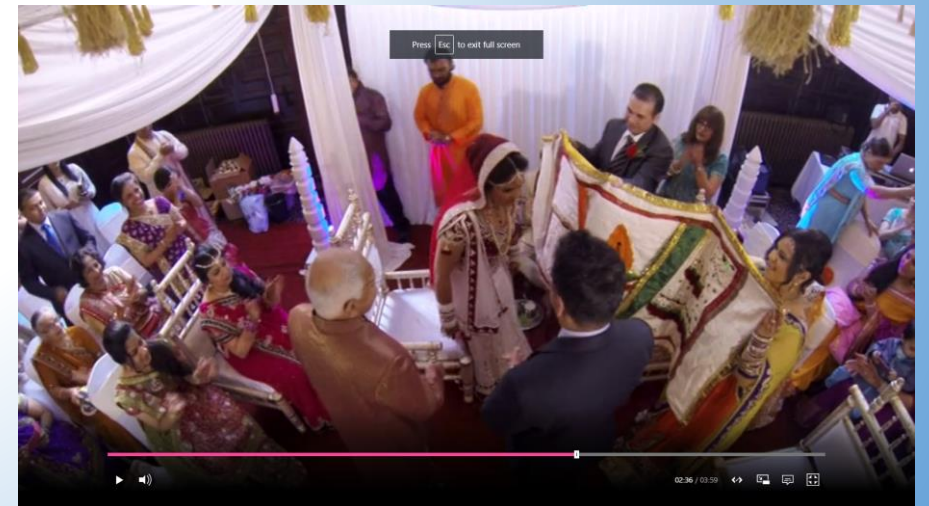


# Nikki and Hemals' wedding

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What were some of the most interesting rituals, in your opinion?

Are any of the rituals similar to weddings you have attended?

Make some notes.





What do you remember about the mehndi party?



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This is where the bride and her female friends and family celebrate together and have henna decorations done.





# What do you remember about the drumming?

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Drumming is used when the groom arrives. Some grooms also arrive on a white horse to make it extra special.





What do you remember about the scared (holy) fire?





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This is lit by a priest who then says a mantra. The couple walk around the fire four times.



What do you remember about the sindoor?





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This is put on the bride's head to show she is now married.





What do you remember about the mandap?



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Traditionally these are decorated with leaves & flowers. Hindus believe mandaps keep good energy in.





# Activity

We are going to make our own mandaps.

Label your mandap with the key words from this lesson.

Mehndi  
Drumming  
Sacred fire  
Sindoor  
Mandap

