

## Hindu Sacred Thread Ceremony

1. What do you think Hindus might mean when they talk about 'purifying' a person before they begin the next stage of their lives?

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2. Why do you think Rajan had to promise to study the Vedas (holy books)?

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3. How do you think the holy books might help him at this stage of life?

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4. Why do you think the 'sacred thread' needs to be worn at all times?

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5. Imagine you were to go through a 'growing up' ceremony similar to Rajan's Upanayana. What promises would you make for the future life?

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6. Who or what would help you keep these promises?

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7. What symbol would you choose to remind you of the promises you made?

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