

MAIN BELIEFS IN JUDAISM

1. The Characteristics of God

Jews believe in **ONE** God, this is shown in the **SHEMA**:
'Here O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is One'
Deuteronomy 6:4

To find out more about the Jewish view on God

READ Examining Judaism p18-19

And then...

MAKE a dictionary list of the following words:

Theism Monotheism Polytheism
Omnipotence Omniscience Omnipresent

2. The Covenant

Other important Jewish beliefs are

- **ABRAHAM** – The Founder/Father of the Jewish faith
- **MOSES** – The law-giver who led the Israelites out of slavery
- **TORAH** – Given to Moses on Mount Sinai

READ Examining Judaism p22

And then...

EXPLAIN what 'The Covenant' and God's 'Chosen People' mean

And then...

READ Judaism p4-5

And then...

WRITE about Israel the Promised Land

3. The Messianic Age

'Behold days are coming,' say the Lord,... 'When no person will need to teach another...saying 'know the Lord' for they will all know me...'
Jeremiah 31:31-9

READ Examining Judaism p24

And then...

ANSWER the following questions

- What does the word Messiah mean?
- What sort of person is the Messiah expected to be?
- What do the Jews think will happen in the time of the Messiah?

EVALUATION/DISCUSSION

Many Religions believe that there is a future prophet or Messiah to be born. What do you think he will be like? What changes will he bring? Will one ever come?