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The Vedas Literature Connection: Ganesha's Birth Story

1. In most ancient cultures – including ancient India – women had very little power. What events in this story show the idea that women **can** have power?

2. In **which paragraph(s)** did you find the evidence for this answer? _____



3. Although Parvati is a strong female character in this story, there **is something about her** that makes Parvati **totally different from other** women. What is it?



4. In **which paragraph** did you find the evidence for this answer? _____



5. In Hinduism, Lord Shiva is seen as a powerful god with good and bad characteristics. Based on the story, what do you think is one **good characteristic** of Lord Shiva?

6. In **which paragraph** did you find the evidence for this answer? _____



7. Based on the story, what do you think is one **bad characteristic** of Lord Shiva?

8. In **which paragraph** did you find the evidence for this answer? _____

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9. In Hinduism, Parvati is the “mother goddess,” the goddess of love, fertility and devotion. Based on the story, give **one example** of why she is viewed this way.

10. In **which paragraph** did you find your answer? _____



11. Tell one event in the story that shows that Parvati was **not always just loving and sweet**.

12. In which paragraph did you find your answer? _____



13. Why do you suppose Hindu parents usually give their children an **image of Ganesh** as their **first** religious gift (before they give them a statue of **any other** Hindu god)?

14. In **which paragraph** did you find the evidence for this answer? _____

