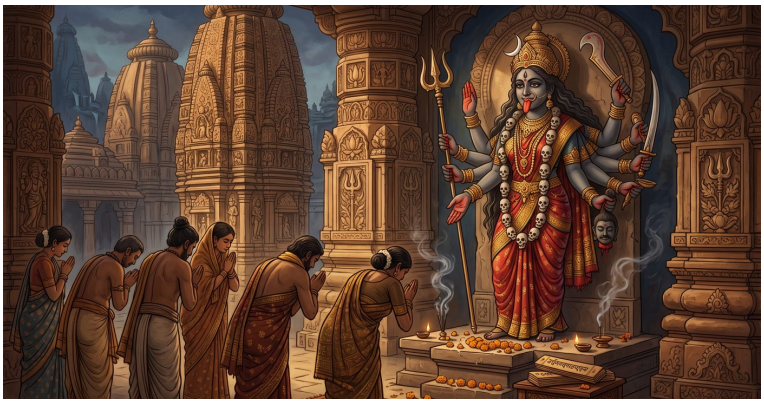
Kali – Destroyer and Protector

Subjects: English · Religious Studies · History | recommended from age 13 (B1) | Video: 8:39 min



Watch the video
youtu.be/PoYZ5UNjoHk

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A · Before watching

1. Can something be frightening and protective at the same time? Give an example.

B · While watching

1. Why couldn't the gods defeat the demon brothers Shumbha and Nishumbha?

2. How was the goddess Durga created?

3. What made the demon Raktabija so dangerous?

4. How did Durga and Kali defeat him together?

5. What does Kali stand for to many believers today?

Useful words

demon	Dämon	to swallow	verschlingen
drop of blood	Blutstropfen	devotee	Gläubige(r)
clone	Klon, Doppelgänger	protector	Beschützerin
fierce	wild	time	Zeit

C · Put the story in order

Number the events from 1 to 8 in the order they happen in the video.

	Thousands of warriors grow from Raktabija's blood.
	Raktabija is defeated.
	Shumbha and Nishumbha conquer heaven.
	Kali catches every drop of blood.
	The gods create Durga from their combined light.
	Kali dances until Shiva lies down in her path.
	Durga turns down Shumbha's marriage proposal.
	Kali bursts out of Durga's forehead.

D · Think and discuss

1. “Some threats can't be fought with brute force.” What could that mean for problems in our lives?

2. In the West Kali is often reduced to a frightening image. Why is it important to know how believers see her?

E · Two pictures of Kali

Compare how Kali appears in the battle myth and in worship today.

	In the battle myth	To believers today
What does she look like / seem like?		
What does her name mean?		
What is her task?		
What is she called / how is she celebrated?		

F · Get creative

1. In your exercise book, research the festival of Kali Puja: when and how is it celebrated? (6–8 sentences)