

Syllabus for "Ancient India: 3000 B.C. to 500 A.D."

1. Define notebook: **subcontinent, monsoon, plateau, raja, sanskrit, Vedas, caste, guru** DUE: _____
2. Read "*Early Civilizations*" on p. 248 - 256 Answer ?'s below in **complete sentences**.
DUE: _____
 - a. Describe WHY India is considered a subcontinent. Make sure to include ALL the geographic features involved.
 - b. Describe "life" in Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa. Make sure to include the RIVER that this early civilization depended on, the cities' design, and some other details of how they lived.
 - c. How did the Aryans influence Indian culture?
 - d. We talked about Aryans earlier in the year. Are these the same people? Explain!
 - e. Draw a quick sketch of the "caste system".
3. Define in notebook: **Hinduism, Brahman, reincarnation, karma, dharma, Buddhism, nirvana, Jainism**
DUE: _____
4. Read "*Religions of Ancient India*" on p. 257 - 264 Answer ?'s below. DUE: _____
 - a. Create a chart to compare the 3 religions discussed in this section - use the following categories: founder(s), basic beliefs, important writings.
 - b. Which well known American is discussed in this chapter? Why?!
5. Define in notebook: **stupa, pilgrim, Bhagavad Gita** DUE: _____
6. Read "*The Mauryan Empire*" on p. 265 - 271 Answer ?'s below. DUE: _____
 - a. Create a chart to compare the Mauryan Empire and the Gupta Empire. Be sure to include: important leaders, timeframe, geography, and accomplishments of each empire.
 - b. In literature, a dynamic character is one who changes considerably throughout the course of time. Could Emperor Ashoka be called a "dynamic character"? Explain why or why not.
 - c. Can you list (and BRIEFLY explain) at least 2 developments in each of the following areas: Literature, Art, Mathematics, Science, and Medicine?

The TENTATIVE Test Date for "Ancient India" is _____.