

# Warm-up: What do you know about India?

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*Alone or with someone nearby, make a mental list (you do not need to write it down unless you want to)*



10	Ancient Greece Notes ( <i>green</i> )
11	Classical Era: Greece ( <i>green</i> )
12	Classical India

# Classical India



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TAKE NOTES ON PAGE 12!

# From the Indus River Valley...

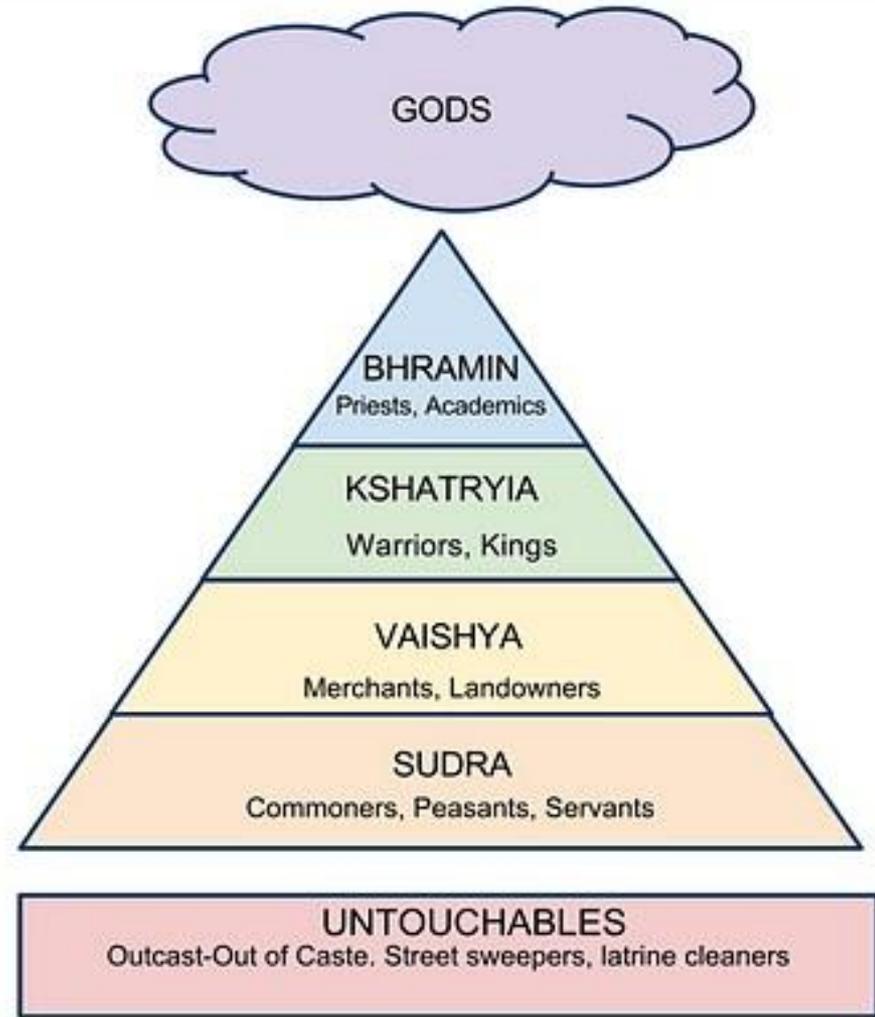


- Indus civilization collapsed from yet unknown causes.
- Aryans, once nomads, formed city-states in the major river valleys by 900 B.C.
  - Aryans have unknown origins
  - Aryans forced Dravidians further south as they conquered the region
  - Aryan accomplishments included
    - Developing a form of writing known as Sanskrit
    - Brought a new religion to India: Hinduism



# The Caste System

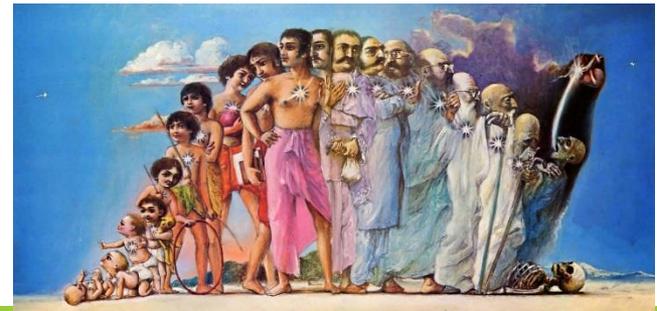
- A social class system with no mobility- an individual is born into a caste & remains there for life
- The mixing of the Aryans & Dravidians = new social order
- 5 hereditary classes (castes) emerged



# Hinduism



- Primary beliefs:
  - Multiple gods, each a manifestation (form) of one Supreme Being
  - Karma: the concept that a person's behavior in life determines that person's form in their next life
    - if you are born into a lower caste, you did not live a good life in your previous life
  - Reincarnation: the belief that at death a person's soul is reborn as another living creature, creating an endless cycle of rebirth for each soul
- Video clip

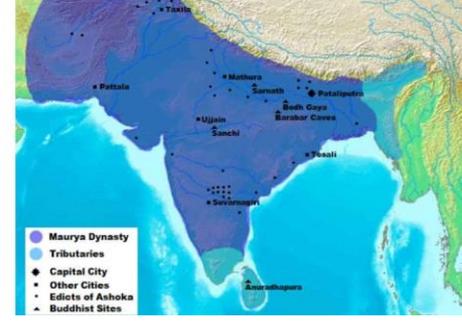


# Buddhism



- ❖ Elsewhere in India, Siddhartha Gautama began the faith of Buddhism
- ❖ Peaceful message: follow the eightfold path to reach Nirvana
- ❖ Quickly attracted many followers & missionaries spread Buddhist beliefs throughout the region
- ❖ Buddhism rejected the caste system
  - ❖ [Video clip](#)

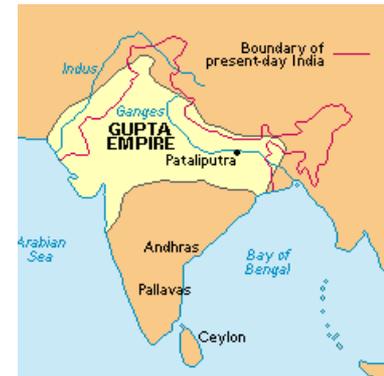
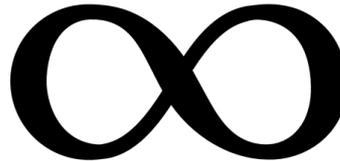
# Mauryan Empire: 321 BCE - 232 BCE



- Asoka (269 BC-232 BC) began his rule with a series of wars
- 8 years of warfare led Asoka to convert to Buddhism & renounce violence/focus on peace
- Asoka focused on improving citizens daily lives, communities, and infrastructure
  - Complex road system throughout his empire
    - *Remember how important this was in Persia?*
  - Ended the death penalty, banned slavery...
  - Gained popularity through these methods

# Gupta Empire (320 CE-535 CE)

- A new ruling family took power & united territory around the Ganges until the warlike Huns invaded from central Asia
- Traded heavily with other countries, especially China
- “Golden Age” of peace, stability, and cultural development
- Accomplishments, which were diffused through the conquests of Alexander the Great
  - Concept of zero
  - Idea of infinity
  - Decimal system
  - Idea that Earth was not flat!
  - Medical advances



# Brochure Assignment

Create an **informational brochure highlighting the main ideas of Buddhism & Hinduism and comparing** the two belief systems.

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-Computer or paper (if paper, write with color)

-Needs to include:

- -Name, class period, history & origins (see questions), major beliefs, writings, practices, a comparison of the two, 2+ images, and specific terms

-Use readings, textbook, notes, video clips

-Work independently

-If you do a paper version, it must be legible

-Explain concepts in your own words- do not copy & paste, do not copy your neighbor- in other words, do not plagiarize!

# Buddhism sacred text

## Tripitaka & Sutras

