Essential Questions

• Why is it important to develop an appreciation of other cultures?
• How does religion impact the development of cultures?
• How has the process of “modernization” affected South Asia?
Guided Questions

• How does the culture of South Asia impact the global community?
• What are the core beliefs of Hinduism and Buddhism?
• How have Hinduism and Buddhism affected the development of culture in South Asia?
• What events, figures, and processes impacted South Asia from imperialism through independence?
• What issues currently affect South Asia?
• What internal conflicts have shaped the development of South Asia?
• What factors influence South Asia’s position in the global community?
Unit 2: South Asia

Chapter 3.1: Early Civilizations in India
Vocab & Art Smart Terms

• Caste System
• Monsoon
• Sanskrit
• Varnas

• Define and create a quick drawing to help your classmates remember the term.
• Put at least one drawing on the board.
Indian Geography & Climate

Monsoons in India

Geography Skills

1. Location Where are Mumbai, Chennai, and Cherrapunji located?
2. Place How does location affect the precipitation in each city?
EARLY SOUTH ASIA

• Modern India traces its roots back to the Indus River Valley located in South Asia

• Harappans – earliest civilization found in this area  
  – dates back to about 2,500 b.c.  
  – disappeared around 1,500 b.c.  
  – Worked as Farmers

• Ancient Ruins Demonstrate:  
  1. urban planning (organized cities)  
  2. grid pattern streets  
  3. multi-storied homes  
  4. bathrooms and sewage systems
**INDUS CIVILIZATION AND TRADE**

**Indus Valley Trade**

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Map showing trade routes from the Indus Valley to various destinations including Mesopotamia, Persia, and India.
ARRIVAL OF THE ARYANS

• Aryans – conquered the Indus River Valley around 1500 b.c. and then moved southeast into the Ganges Plain

• Organized into tribes
  – each was led by a rajah

• Cattle – basis of their diet and economy, wealth was measured in cattle and they were used as money

• Men dominated society, which was largely agricultural
SEE ME IMMEDIATELY

• Claire Benesch
• Carol Burgess
• Emily Cruice
• Laura Herzog
• Mayurashaan Kulendran
• Alyson McTear
• Dean Repasy
• Emily Shaer
• Billy Tarloski
• Taylor Verna
Ancient Indian Social Structure

• WHEN DISCUSSING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF DIFFERENT SOCIETIES, THOSE SOCIETIES ARE OFTEN BROKEN UP INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES.
CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR NOTES:

1. What does the word “class” mean to you?

2. What aspects of a person’s life put them in a particular class? (is it economics, education level.........)

3. What classes exist in the United States?

4. Do Americans have the ability to move into a different class? If yes, how?
SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Four Varnas

Brahmins

Kshatriyas

Vaisyas

Sudras

Pariahs (Untouchables)
Social Structure

1. Brahmins – Priests

2. Kshatriyas – Warriors/princes

3. Vaisyas – merchants/farmers

4. Sudras – peasants/servants

5. Pariahs – so “unclean” not even part of the system, do the toughest and dirtiest jobs (gravediggers)
The Caste System

• Over many centuries, the Varnas would evolve into the Indian Caste System.
• Everything was decided *for you* based on your social class:
  – Job
  – Social Grouping
  – Marriage
  – Religious Purity
Chapter 3.1 Guided Reading (Part 2)

• Read pages 72 to 75 and complete the guided reading for tomorrow’s class.
Vocab & Art Smart Terms
Hinduism (Chapter 3.1 cont’d)

• Hinduism
• Dharma
• Karma
• Reincarnation
• Yoga

• Define and create a quick drawing to help your classmates remember the term.
• Put at least one drawing on the board.

9/27/11
Warm Up

• Take out your Guided Reading.
• Compare your answers with a partner while I check them for completion.
• After comparing, go to the board and list as much as you can about the major beliefs/principles of Hinduism.
HINDUISM

• Aryans believed in a religion that has evolved into what we know as Hinduism
SACRED HINDU WRITINGS: THE VEDAS

• Ancient poems, legends, hymn, rituals
  – Formed the basis of Aryan religious life

• There are 4, the oldest dating back to about 1000 B.C.
BELIEFS

• Evolved over hundreds of years, (no one person began it)
• **Brahma** – universal spirit, god (other gods are manifestations of Brahma)
• **Trinity** – 3 most important manifestations are:

![Venn diagram with circles for Brahma, Vishnu, and Siva]

Why did these Gods exist?
BRAHMA

- The Creator
VISHNU

• The Preserver
SIVA

• The Destroyer
KEY CONCEPTS

REINCARNATION
- The rebirth of the soul
KARMA

- Idea that how a person lives their life will determine what form that person takes in the next life (what comes around goes around)
KEY CONCEPTS cont.

DHRAMA

- Duties of a particular varna (class)

- If you fulfill your dharma you get have good karma
AHIMSA

- Belief that all life is sacred and needs to be protected
MOKSHA

- State in which a person’s soul is freed from the cycle of reincarnation (heaven)
Catching Up . . .

• Take out the Guided Reading (part two of 3.1) on Hinduism & Buddhism to be checked for completion.

• We will cover the reading as a class to make up for yesterday.

• Anyone that has a textbook signed out, please see me.

• If you have a Red Atlas, and have not returned it, you will be written up for a detention.

• If you were to serve a homework detention yesterday after school, that detention has been rescheduled for Monday, October 3rd.
  – Get your work in by then, and you are free!
Video Questions

• Did any one person create Hinduism?
• What is a Puja?
• Approximately how many Hindus are there in the world?
• What is the purpose of meditation?
• Why is the Ganges River so important?
• What is a Guru?
• Why is the cow considered sacred to Hindus?
Type 2 Prompt

• What is the most spiritually important river to Hindus?
• What is the most holy city to Hindus?

• We will explore these locations on Google Earth.
• We will then watch a video on this holy site.

Reminder: Homework detention will be held today after school.
10/3/11
Varanasi Video Questions

1. The River Ganges is believed to be the liquid form of __________.
2. Hindus wash away their ________________ in the river.
3. Which Hindu god is associated most closely with Varanasi?
4. When a person reaches enlightenment their spirit is no longer reincarnated, it reaches ________________ freedom.
5. What do the 3 white lines across the forehead represent?
6. The search for ________________ brings people to Varanasi.
7. What does the red dot on the forehead represent?
8. When somebody dies in Varanasi their body is ________________.
9. Why is Varanasi known as the “City of Light?”
Type 3 Prompt

• How does Hinduism help to justify the Indian Caste System?

  – Think vocab words!
  – Type 3 Prompts are completed and then edited by a peer.
    • Copy the question/prompt.
    • Answer the prompt.
    • Share & edit your answer with a neighbor.

10/4/11
Hinduism Assignment

• Draw a picture representing the main ideas of Hinduism: Dharma, Karma, Reincarnation, Moksha, Ahimsa

• Relate the picture to something YOU want to achieve.
  – How would you hope to achieve your goal?
  – Be creative!

• Include a written explanation of your picture that explains the relationship of dharma, karma, reincarnation, ahimsa and moksha.
  – The explanation should have a topic sentence.
  – Your explanation should be 5-7 strong sentences.
  – Complete for homework.
  – Assignment is worth 30 points.
Buddhism Vocab/Art Terms

- Buddhism
- Nirvana

Please place your homework on the blue chair.

- Define and create a quick drawing to help your classmates remember the term.
- Due to lack of time, we will not be sharing the drawings on the board.

10/5/11
Guided Reading Review

• With a partner, review the information on Buddhism from your Guided Reading 3.1 (Part II)
• Compare answers and make any necessary additions or changes.

• Up-Coming Writing Assignment: Compare/contrast Hinduism & Buddhism
Unit 2: South Asia
Chapter 3.1 (cont’d):
Early Civilizations in India

Buddhism
THE BUDDHA

• Siddhartha Gautama – founder of Buddhism
  – Born in India in 566 B.C.
  – Was Hindu
• Born into the Kshatriya class
  – Lived a wealthy but sheltered life
  – Left his life behind
• Wanted to understand why people suffer and how to minimize it
THE BUDDHA cont.

• Believed he found enlightenment/answers while meditating
• Preached his message and became known as "The Buddha" (enlightened one)
• Rejected the caste system
  – A person’s position in life should depend on the person, not their birth

We will now complete a reading on The Buddha’s path to enlightenment.
Type 1 Prompt

• What causes suffering?
Siddhartha’s Journey to Enlightenment

• You will be placed in groups of four.
• Each group should write a paragraph (5-7 sentences) that summarizes Siddhartha Gautama’s journey towards enlightenment.
• Every member of the group should have the paragraph in their notes.
• Use your notes and last night’s reading.
In your notes . . .

4 NOBLE TRUTHS
1. ALL PEOPLE SUFFER
2. PEOPLE SUFFER BECAUSE THEIR DESIRES BIND THEM TO THE CYCLE OF REBIRTH
3. WE CAN END SUFFERING BY BEING AWARE & ELIMINATING DESIRES
4. ELIMINATE DESIRE BY FOLLOWING THE 8-FOLD PATH (Middle Way)
8-FOLD PATH

- Right Understanding
- Right Thought
- Right Speech
- Right Action
- Right Work
- Right Effort
- Right Mindfulness
- Right Concentration
THE 8-FOLD PATH LEADS TO NIRVANA

- **Nirvana** – state of enlightenment that frees the soul from the cycle of reincarnation
The Dharma Wheel: 8 Fold Path

Where have you seen this before? Look in your notes.
How do the rules of the Dharma Wheel relate to your life?
The Dharma Wheel & You

Congressman Hank Johnson (D) Georgia

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono (D) Hawaii

How does the 8 fold path present itself in your life?
What would Buddha Say?

• You will be dealt three cards, each containing a short teaching from Buddha.

• Choose one card. Complete the following in your notes:
  – Copy the quote.
  – Interpretation: What does it mean? Put it into your language.
  – Connection: Can you connect this teaching to the Eightfold Path or Four Noble Truths?
  – Application: Give an example of what this teaching would look like if you were to live it every day. How would you use it?

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Buddhism Splits

• Buddha dies – 486 BCE
• Disciples disagree on how to interpret the Buddha’s teachings.
Buddhism Splits

As you read, complete a T-Chart for the major beliefs of Theravada & Mahayana Buddhism.

| Theravada Buddhism | Mahayana Buddhism |
Theravada Buddhism

- Southeastern Asia
- Individual is responsible for his/her salvation.
- No god can bring enlightenment.
- Follow Buddha’s example to get to Nirvana.
- Strict meditation
Mahayana Buddhism

• Northern/Eastern Asia
• Buddha was divine.
• Religious growth happens through helping others.
  – Not based on the individual
• Bodhisattva – compassionate being who will not enter Nirvana until others can go too
• More popular than Theravada
Other Forms of Buddhism

• Create another T-Chart in your notes.
Zen Buddhism

• Teachers and scriptures can only point to enlightenment.
• One must completely separate from teachers and scripture to find enlightenment.
  – Self-reliance
  – Meditation
Tibetan Buddhism

• Found in Tibet (China)
• China invaded in 1950 and exiled the Tibetan Buddhists.
  – Exiled to India, Bhutan & Nepal
Check out Google Earth
Type One Writing

• What do you know (or think you know) about the Dalai Lama? For example: Who is he? What are his teachings? Why is he important?
  – Write three to four lines.
DALAI LAMA
What is the Dalai Lama?

• Spiritual and political leader of Tibet
• Incarnation of Avalokiteshvara
  – Bodhisattva of Compassion
  – What is a Bodhisattva??
Who is the Dalai Lama?

- His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso
  - Farming Family
  - Began monastic education at age 6
Escape into Exile

• 1950: Chinese government invaded central and western Tibet

• 1959: Dalai Lama escaped to northern India
  – Dalai Lama has lived in India and traveled the world since then
  – Travels the world giving lectures & meeting with world leaders
How is the Dalai Lama discovered?

• When the Dalai Lama dies, a search party is organized to find the next Dalai Lama.
• The current Dalai Lama has not decided whether or not he will reincarnate.
  – He has hinted he may reincarnate in the west
Essay Assignment

• Comparing & contrasting Hinduism & Buddhism.

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Type 2 Prompt

• What is a bodhisattva?
  – Copy the prompt.
  – Write at least 3-4 lines.
What is this?
# Buddhism: Looking Closer

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Symbols & Festivals

1. Month of Vesak
2. Buddha’s Birthday
3. Festival of the Tooth
4. Obon
5. Wheel of Law (Dharma Wheel)
6. Lotus
7. White Elephant
8. Bodhi Tree

You will be expected to share your poster at the end of class.
Reminder

• You will take a test on Ancient India, Hinduism, Buddhism & Indian Geography on the block day (either 10/13 or 10/14).