**Chapter 5 study guide- 6th grade**

**Vocabulary**

*Define the vocabulary from the chapter*

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| **Sanskrit: The most important language of ancient India** | **Buddhism: religion based on the teachings of Buddha four noble truths and the eightfold path are the main teachings** |
| **Hinduism: The largest religion in India today** | **Vishnu: one of the gods of Hinduism called the preserver** |
| **inoculation:injecting a person with a small dose of a virus to help defend disease** | **Indus: A major river flowing out of the Himalayas** |
| **caste system: The division of Indian society into groups** | **nirvana: A state of perfect peace** |
| **reincarnation: The process of a soul being reborn in a new body** | **monsoons: a regular seasonal pattern that brings wet and dry seasons. in the summers there are heavy rains and flooding** |
| **Jainsim: religion based on the teachings of a man named mahavira** | **nonviolence: The avoidance of violent actions** |
| **astronomy: The study of the stars and planets** | **Hindu-Arabic numerals: The numbers we use today** |
| **fasting: Going without food** | **meditation: The focusing of the mind on spiritual ideas** |
| **missionaries: People who want to spread their religious beliefs** | **metallurgy: The science of working with metals** |
| **subcontinent: a large landmass that is smaller than a continent** | **raja: a leader in Aryan Society** |
| **Vedas: Aryan religion was based on these sacred hymns and poems. The oldest was the Rigveda** | **karma: According to Hinduism, people are reborn into new physical forms depending on this** |
| **Himalayas: mountains of northern India** |  |

1. The highest class in Aryan society was \_Brahmin\_
2. In which language did Aryans write their poems and hymns? Sanskrit
3. Compare the Aryan system of government to the Harappan system. In what way did they differ?

The Aryan system was based mostly on family connections.

1. In Aryan society, which of the following was of highest importance in regard to the caste system? adhering to the strict rules of the caste system
2. Compare the Sudras to the Kshatriyas. Which of the following best describes how they were different? The Sudras were servants while the Kshatriyas were warriors.
3. Which of the following best describes the relationship between the Vedic texts and the Vedas? Vedic texts were a collection of thoughts about the Vedas.
4. Which of the following led to the development of Hinduism? People from Central Asia brought their religious ideas to India.
5. Hindus believe that all of their gods are part of a universal spirit called Brahman.
6. According to Hinduism, people are reborn into new physical forms. The form one is born into depends on one’s karma
7. Which of the following concerns was of greatest importance to Siddhartha Gautama? finding ways to eliminate human suffering
8. Which of the following actions best illustrates the Buddhist belief about material goods? A person keeps some of their clothes but gives some away.
9. The guiding principles at the heart of Buddhism are called \_\_Four Noble Truths.\_\_.

List them here: p. 138 in textbook

* 1. Suffering and unhappiness area a part of human life - no one can escape sorrow
	2. Suffering comes from our desires for pleasure and material goods - wanting what you don’t have
	3. People can overcome desire and ignorance and reach nirvana which frees the soul from the need for reincarnation
	4. People can overcome ignorance and desire by following an eightfold path that leads to wisdom, enlightenment and salvation
1. What would have likely happened if the Buddha’s followers had not gathered shortly after his death to review his teachings? Buddhism would probably not have spread to other lands.
2. Which of the following best describes how Hindu temples changed over time? The temples became more complex and ornate.
3. What can you infer about the finest paintings of ancient India found in temples? Religion was very important in indian culture
4. In what ways did the geography of India influence the development of civilizations?

The flooding of the Indus River Valley created fertile areas where farmers could settle. The Himalayas protected early civilizations from most invaders.

1. What did Hinduism teach about karma and the caste system? According to Hinduism, a person who lives a good life builds up good karma and can be reborn into a higher caste.