

Vocabulary Activity



India's First Empires

Content Vocabulary

DIRECTIONS: For each word in the left column, write the letter of its correct definition in the right column. (**Hinduism, pilgrim, yoga, reincarnation, karma, dharma, Buddhism, nirvana**)

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| <p>_____ 1. Hinduism</p> <p>_____ 2. pilgrim</p> <p>_____ 3. yoga</p> <p>_____ 4. reincarnation</p> <p>_____ 5. karma</p> <p>_____ 6. dharma</p> <p>_____ 7. Buddhism</p> <p>_____ 8. nirvana</p> | <p>A. a method of training developed by the Hindus that is supposed to lead to oneness with Brahman</p> <p>B. the force generated by a person's actions that determines how the person will be reborn in the next life</p> <p>C. religious doctrine introduced in northern India in the sixth century B.C. by Siddhārtha Gautama</p> <p>D. the major Indian religious system</p> <p>E. the rebirth of an individual's soul in a different form after death</p> <p>F. a person who travels to a shrine or other holy place</p> <p>G. ultimate reality, the end of the self and a reunion with the Great World Soul</p> <p>H. it requires all people to do their duty based on their status in society</p> |
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DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Include the vocabulary terms in parentheses in your answers.

9. Define *varnas* and the caste system. How are they connected? (***varnas, caste system***)

10. What was the Silk Road? How did it get its name? (***Silk Road***)

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11. What was the foundation of the Vedas, the earliest known Indian literature? What form(s) did the Vedas take? (**Vedas**)

Academic Vocabulary

DIRECTIONS: From the list below, choose the best word to answer each question. Write each word in the blank provided. (**emerge, conversion, welfare, abandon**)

emerge conversion welfare abandon

12. Which word is a verb that means “to rise from an obscure or inferior position or condition”?

13. Which word refers to something that aids or promotes well-being?

14. Which word refers to the changing of ones beliefs?

15. Which word is a verb that means “to leave and never return”?

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DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Include in your answers the vocabulary words in parentheses.

16. The word *process* dates back to two word parts: *pro-* “forward” and *cedere* “to go.” How does knowing the background of this word help you define it? (**process**)

17. The word *achieve* dates back to the word *achever* which was defined as “to bring to an end.” How does knowing the background of this word help you define it? (**achieve**)
