

Topic 4 Study Guide

Name: _____

1. Define:

Dharma –

Brahman –

Moksha –

Ahimsa –

Which one would a peaceful protest most show?

2. What social grouping was based on skill? What was the lowest (not including the Untouchables)?

3. What three things did Aryabhata learn about astronomy?

4. Which most made Maurya strong; its happiness, powerful ruler, bureaucracy, or taxes?

5. What did the Indus Valley people use to store their surplus crops?

6. Did Indo-Aryan culture spread through India quickly or slowly over time?

7. What must people overcome to end suffering, according to the Four Noble Truths?

8. What is reincarnation? What does it say about our soul?

9. How do we know the Indus Valley was highly developed?

10. List the four major cultures and empires (not religions) of ancient India in order.

11. How many Buddhists live in the U.S. today?

12. What is a fable?
13. A person's duty to do what is right is called what in Hinduism?
14. Cities were more successful if they were located along what?
15. Which branch of Buddhism focuses on compassion?
16. Who founded the Gupta empire?
17. How did Chandragupta conquer Magadha?
18. What was significant about Gupta architecture?
19. List the six Indian emperors in order.
20. What was the strongest kingdom in India before the Maurya empire?

Essays

21. Explain the caste system and how it developed and changed over time. What were the four original varnas based on and what were they? Could people move from caste to caste?
22. Describe the advancements India made in medicine during the Gupta empire.
23. Why did Asoka build stone pillars? Describe the many ways he used them.

Study everything else for the BONUS questions!