

**WHAP
CH2**

**The Religions and Cultures of South Asia,
and the Birth of Judaism**

Foundation of Civilizations 7

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

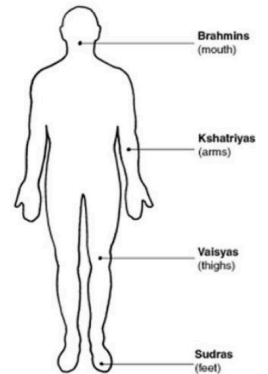
The Birth and Diffusion of Hinduism and Buddhism

- Describe the Aryan migration into India, and how they affected the indigenous population – _____

- Describe where and when Hinduism emerged – _____

- Define: caste system, and dharma; fill in the chart below to the best of your ability (the specific name of each varna is not as vital as what each one represents) - _____

Caste (varna)	Duties (jobs)	Functions



- Define: Vedas and Upanishads, and briefly explain how they described Brahman – _____

- Describe the concept of reincarnation (include Atman, samsara, karma, and moksha) – _____

- Describe the cultural landscape in which Hinduism dominates – _____



• Describe where, when, and how Buddhism was founded – _____

• Briefly explain how the Buddha explained attaining enlightenment through the Four Noble Truths – _____

• Contrast Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism, and identify which branch led to Buddhism becoming a universalizing religion – _____

• Identify when the Mauryan Empire emerged, and briefly discuss how they came to power - _____

• Identify when Ashoka ruled, and describe his contributions to India's culture – _____

• Describe the cultural landscape in which Buddhism dominates – _____



Foundation of Judaism

• Describe the origins of Judaism – _____

• Describe the tumultuous history of the Jews as well as their diaspora – _____

• Briefly explain how Judaism's personal connection with their god made it a distinctive feature for all Abrahamic faiths – _____