REVIEW FOR VOCABULARY TEST ANCIENT INDIA

CHAPTER 9 VOCAB

1. Subcontinent- a large landmass that is smaller than a continent
2. Monsoon- seasonal wind, especially in the Indian Ocean and southern Asia
3. Migrate-to move from one place to another
4. Emerge- to come into being or become known
5. Language family- a group of similar languages
6. Sanskrit- the first written language of India
7. Vedas- ancient sacred writings of India
8. Raja- an Indian prince
9. Caste- an Indian social class whose members are restricted in the jobs they may take and in their association with members of other castes
10. Guru- a teacher
11. Hinduism- major religion that developed in ancient India; main belief: all souls are part of one universal spirit
12. Brahman- the universal spirit worshiped by Hindus
13. Reincarnation- the idea that the soul is reborn into many different lives
14. Dharma- a person's personal duty, based on the individual's place in society
15. Karma- a good or bad force created by a person's actions; it determines whether a person's soul will be reborn into a higher or lower form of life
16. Buddhism- religion founded by Siddhartha Gautama; main belief: inner peace comes from ending desire
17. Nirvana- a state of perfect happiness that is achieved after giving up all desires
18. Jainism- religion that does not believe in a supreme being; it emphasizes nonviolence and respect for all living things
19. Stupa- a special, dome-shaped building meant to honor the Buddha
20. Pilgrim- a person who travels to places of religious importance
21. Bhagavad Gita-part of a famous long poem: it is about the Hindu god Krishna

THREE MAIN RIVERS OF INDIA ARE THE INDUS, BRAHMAPUTRA AND GANGES.

INDIA IS ON THE CONTINENT OF ASIA

MONSOONS ALSO CARRY A LOT OF WATER DURING THE RAINY SEASON