

CCMS Ancient India

Content Vocabulary for Ancient India Chapter 9

| Question | Answer |
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| Subcontinent | A large landmass that is smaller than a continent |
| Monsoon | Seasonal Winds that bring rain |
| Language Family | A group of similar languages |
| Raja | An Indian prince |
| Sanskrit | The first written language of India |
| Vedas | Ancient sacred writings of India |
| Caste | An Indian social class whose members are restricted to the jobs they may take and association with other members of other castes |
| Guru | Teacher |
| Hinduism | A major religion that developed in Ancient India |
| Brahman | The universal spirit worshipped by Hindus |
| Reincarnation | the rebirth of the soul |
| Karma | According to Hindu belief: A force that determines the form that people will be born into in their next lives |
| Dharma | A person's personal duty, based on the individual's place in society |
| Buddhism | A religion found in ancient India by the religious teacher Buddha |
| Nirvana | A state of perfect happiness and peace |
| Jainism | A religion of ancient India that does not believe in a supreme being. |
| Stupa | A Buddhist shrine, usually dome shaped |
| Bhagavad Gita | A section of the Indian epic the Mahabharata |
| Pilgrim | A person who travels to holy sites |