Caste System – Notes

Objective: Identify the castes within Hinduism.

1. Hinduism
	1. Began in India over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago.
	2. Hinduism has more than \_\_\_\_\_\_ million followers.
2. Hindu Practices
	1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stood on the rived banks of the Ganges and sang songs inspired by “the breath of god.”
	2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - sacred writings.
	3. Fascinated with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	4. Objective – to leave behind this harsh, material world and become united with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Daily Worship
	1. Every home has an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	2. Proper to give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the gods on a daily basis.
	3. What if you are too poor?
	4. For every act there is a religious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Death and Rebirth
	1. *Death is but a turning of the endless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life.*
	2. Bathing in Ganges River
	3. Hindus practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	4. Goal is to achieve *moksha/nirvana* – a new level of existence.
5. Upanishads
	1. What are they?
6. Monotheistic or Polytheistic?
	1. Brahman
		1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Preserver
		2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Destroyer
		3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Goddess
7. The Caste System
	1. Four groups were created from the body of the Hindu god.
		1. Brahmins - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (white)
		2. Kshatriyas - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (red)
		3. Vaishyas - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (gold)
		4. Shudras - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (blue)
		5. Panchamas - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (black)
8. Dharma – Caste Duties
	1. Brahmins – Religious duties such as leading \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rituals , teaching religion or conduction worship services.
	2. Kshatriyas – Expected to show self –control, strength, gentleness, and freedom from fear and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	3. Vaishyas and Shudras – Work for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; not personal gain.
	4. Untouchables – Gravediggers and removers of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Stay out of the way!
9. The Caste System
	1. Hereditary system
	2. Based upon ritual purity
	3. Consequences of bad deeds - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	4. Dharma
	5. Nirvana
	6. Yogis
	7. Gurus