

Chapter 7 Lesson 2 Notes: The Origins of Hinduism (Page 227-231)

Define the following terms using the glossary in the back of the book:

Aryan:

caste:

Brahmanism:

Hinduism:

reincarnation:

karma:

Aryans Move Into India

(1). Most Indo-Europeans were _____. They lived in family groups or _____ and herded cattle, _____, and _____. They were also warriors who rode horse-driven _____. They fought with long _____ and _____ with bronze _____.

(2). In about 1500 B.C., the Aryans traveled east into _____.

Changes to Indian Life

(3). The Aryans entered India _____. They practiced a mysterious _____ that appealed to the people living in India at the time. As a result, Aryan religion and _____ spread.

The Caste System: Sketch the Caste Pyramid from page 229 in the space below and label it correctly:

(4). The early religion of the Aryans is now called _____, after the name of the Aryan priests, or _____. The Aryans worshiped many _____ deities. The Brahmins made sacrifices to those _____ by offering _____ to a sacred _____. Over time, the ceremonies became more and more _____. Some lasted for days -- or even _____. The rituals of the Aryan religion and many hymns to their deities are found in ancient _____ sacred texts called the _____.

Hinduism: The Religion of India

(5). The Bhagavad Gita is an important sacred text of _____. Hinduism is the modern name for the major religion of _____, which grew out of early _____.

(6). Hindus worship many _____. Although they believe in many deities, Hindus also recognize one supreme _____ or _____. Hindus consider the other deities to be parts of the one _____ God. The three most important of the other deities are _____, the creator; _____ the protector; and _____, the _____.

(7). Hindus believe in _____, which means that each person has many _____. What a person does in each life determines what he or she will be in the _____, according to a doctrine called _____. Deeds (good or evil) cause a person to be reborn in a _____ or _____ life form. (Hindus believe that _____, like humans, have the _____ life force in them. For that reasons many Hindus are _____. They will not eat _____.)

(8). Hindus believe they connect with God by following their own _____ path. Part of that path concerns one's _____, which is linked to the _____. Devout Hindus must _____ carry out their assigned _____ in _____.

