***Hinduism***

Directions: Please complete the reading guide below. If you need to look something up, please feel free to use the internet to help.

***Part I:*** Take time to reflect. Think about how religion affects life in the United States today. In the box below, find a picture that represents one way that religion influences the way of life of Americans in 2016/2017.

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Now, write a paragraph explaining what you selected and why you think it is a good representation. Write your response in the box below.

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***Part II:*** Gather and note basic information on Hinduism

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| Who founded the religion of Hinduism? |  |
| Where did Hinduism originate? |  |
| Where can we see Hinduism currently practiced? |  |
| In Hinduism, what is the Veda and what is the dharma? |  |

***Part III:***  Research some historic details about Hinduism. (you may need to ***Google some information*** here). Fill in the details of each thought or religion into each box. Explain how they have lead to each other.

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| Vedic religion |

 

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| Brahmanism |

 

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| Hinduism |

Explain how this chart helps explain the relationship of Vedic religion, Brahmanism, and Hinduism?

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| **Answer:** |

***Part IV:*** Create a diagram that explains and identifies the four social classes described in the Veda. If you would like to hand draw this diagram, you may do so on a blank paper.

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| *Diagram:* |

***Part V:*** Complete the following chart about Dharma, Samsara, and Karma

**Dharma**

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| **Questions** | **Answers** |
| Record three key points that describe Hindu beliefs about dharma. |  |
| One effect that these beliefs have on life in India is... |  |
| Another effect that these beliefs have on life in India is... |  |
| Find a simple visual or symbol that illustrates these beliefs about dharma. |  |

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**Samsara**

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| **Questions** | **Answers** |
| Record three key points that describe Hindu beliefs about samsara. |  |
| One effect that these beliefs have on life in India is... |  |
| Another effect that these beliefs have on life in India is... |  |
| Find a simple visual or symbol that illustrates these beliefs about samsara. |  |

**Karma**

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| **Questions** | **Answers** |
| Record three key points that describe Hindu beliefs about karma. |  |
| One effect that these beliefs have on life in India is... |  |
| Another effect that these beliefs have on life in India is... |  |
| Find a simple visual or symbol that illustrates these beliefs about karma. |  |

***Part VI:*** Debrief this activity using a poem. Compose an acrostic poem for the word Hinduism. Follow the guidelines as you compose your poem.

* Include a sentence for each letter in the word Hinduism. A sample sentence is provided below.
* Use key content terms in your completed poem.
* Summarize three ways Hindu beliefs have influenced life in India and the world.

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| **H**indus are expected to follow a common dharma, or set of values, such as sharing food with others and practicing nonviolence. **I****N****D****U****I****S****M** |