**India Vocabulary (#14)**

Word Bank: Eightfold Path, alms, Buddhism, Karma, Hinduism, Dharma, reincarnation, ascetic, nirvana, Samsara, Silk Road, Four Noble Truths, enlightenment, caste system

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| Guess | Confirm/Correct | Definition |
| 1. | Hinduism | A religion that developed in India over many centuries; it traces its roots to older traditions, such as Vedic beliefs and Brahmanism |
| 2. | Dharma | A belief found in Hinduism and other Indian traditions that a person has a duty or obligation to live an honorable life |
| 3. | caste system | Social structure in Hindu society |
| 4. | Karma | A belief found in Hinduism and other Indian traditions that the good and evil done in a past life determines the nature of that person’s next life |
| 5. | reincarnation | The belief that a person’s soul is reborn into a new body after death |
| 6. | Samsara | A belief found in Hinduism and other Indian traditions that there is a continuous cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. |
| 7. | Buddhism | The religion founded by Siddhartha, which teaches that life brings suffering that one can escape by seeking nirvana through enlightenment |
| 8. | ascetic | A person who gives up worldly pleasure |
| 9. | enlightenment | the state of gaining spiritual insight and finding universal truth; the goal of Buddhists |
| 10. | alms | Goods or money given to the poor |
| 11. | nirvana | an ideal state of happiness and peace |
| 12. | Four Noble Truths | The four basic doctrines, or principles, of Buddhism |
| 13. | Eightfold Path | A key idea of Buddhism whereby followers should live their lives according to these eight teachings |
| 14. | Silk Road | A network of trade routes that stretched for more than four thousand miles across Asia |