

Chapter 4 Essays

You will be given a few prompts about the chapter. You must answer in at least ONE FULLY DEVELOPED paragraph (5 sentences or more). You must answer all address all questions and show reasoning behind your answers. You must CHOOSE ONE prompt to answer. It is highly recommended that you outline and then use that to guide your essay. Scrap paper will be provided. Remember to your outline must be put into essay form. Outlines will not be accepted as a final copy. ACES is a form of outlining, don't be afraid to use it, just make sure you turn that into a paragraph. You can use the back of this sheet or a separate sheet of paper and staple it to the test. Please circle your option here. This will be taken on Tuesday. Please prepare yourselves

1. Describe the caste system. Where did it come from? Why was it instituted? How was it maintained? Identify and describe all the varnas (5).
2. Describe Hinduism. Is it polytheistic or monotheistic? If polytheistic provide a few examples of their gods and what they are responsible for? Why was Hinduism so flexible? Is there an all powerful spirit or god in charge of everything? How does Hinduism support the caste system? What are some core beliefs of Hinduism?
3. Who was the Buddha? Describe some (2) central ideas or beliefs of Buddhism? Why was Buddhism so appealing to many people in India? How was Buddhism and Hinduism able to coexist in India in the past and to this day?
4. Compare/Contrast the Mauryan and Gupta Empires in India. What are some things they had in common (leaders, traits of the leaders, length of existence)? What are some things different from each other (did one last longer, size of the empires, how they governed)?