India Vocabulary Review

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| Word Bank  Brahmins Missionary Subcontinent  Buddhism Monotheism Reincarnation  Caste Monsoon Vaishyas  Culture Pilgrimage Vedas Edict Plateau  Hinduism Polytheism  Karma Sanskrit  Kshatriyas Shudras |

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| Monsoon | A strong wind that brings heavy rains |

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| karma | In Hinduism, the belief that how a person lives will affect their next life |
| subcontinent | A landmass that is of great size, but smaller than a continent |
| edict | Official message carved on walls, rocks or pillars - often a command or law |
| Kshatriyas | A social class in India made up of rulers and warriors |
| Pilgrimage | A journey to a holy place |
| Hinduism | The first major religion in India |
| polytheism | The belief in many gods |
| vedas | A collection of Hindu sacred writings |
| missionary | Someone who tries to persuade one to believe in his religious beliefs |
| vaishyas | Social class in India made up of herders and merchants |
| reincarnation | The belief that a person’s soul is reborn into a new body after death |
| caste | A class or group in Hindu society |
| culture | A characteristic of a civilization that includes the beliefs and behaviors of a society or group of people |
| shudras | A social class in India made up of servants |
| plateau | A flat area of land that is elevated above the land around it. |
| monotheism | A belief that there is only one god |
| Buddhism | A religion of India begun by Prince Siddhartha, the Buddha |
| Brahmins | A social class in India made up of priest and religious scholars |
| Sanskrit | An ancient language of India |