

### Study Guide for Chapter 15: Hinduism

1. The collection of sacred Hindu texts are known as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The nomadic (wandering) people who moved into India were the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Ancient texts were written in the language called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The transition from Vedic religion to \_\_\_\_\_ occurred as a result of rituals becoming more complex and a special class of Brahmans started performing them.
5. People were placed into specific social classes by birth; this is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ system.
6. Plowing a field was most likely done by which social class?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. The **Kshatriyas** are best described as \_\_\_\_\_.
8. **True or False:** Because the Untouchables were considered “unclean,” they lived in separate communities?
9. To Hindus, the soul, or \_\_\_\_\_, is part of the Brahman.
10. Most Hindu temples contain elaborate \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Which deity is known to destroy? \_\_\_\_\_.
12. During the Hindu New Year, the festival of \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates the victory of good over evil.
13. What is dharma? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What does the cow symbolize in Hinduism?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

15. According to karma, how it is determined which caste people are born into?

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16. The circular wheel best symbolizes the Hindu view of birth, life, and death. This belief is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

17. Rama is a character in the \_\_\_\_\_ and he lives by his duties and obligations, also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

18. **True or False:** According to Rama, riches and power are life-long struggles.

19. Which deity is known as the creator? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Which deity is known as the preserver? \_\_\_\_\_