Chapter 15: Hinduism Review Sheet

Directions: Write answers to the following questions in your notebook.

1. What is the major river which is located in India that was important to the early Hindu civilizations and the mountain range where it began? What major mountain is located there?

2. Describe the cities of the Indus-Sarasvati Civilization.

3. Who founded the religion of Hinduism? How is the founding of Hinduism different than the founding of Judaism?

4. Who were the Aryans and explain their contributions to Hinduism?

5. Explain the importance of the Vedas to Hindus and how Vedism became Brahmanism as time progressed.

6. How did Brahmanism organize ancient Indian society? What did these classes come to be known as? Describe each one, in order from highest to lowest.

7. How did the caste system affect daily life in ancient India?

8. What class was added to the caste system over the centuries?

9. Describe each of these main Hindu beliefs: Brahman, Deities (multiple gods), dharma, karma, and samsara.

10. Why did Hindus want to break the cycle of samsara and in what ways do Hindus hope to break the cycle of samsara and reincarnation?