

**ANCIENT INDIA VOCABULARY**

Directions: Use the following words and definitions to complete the assignment.

**WORDS FOR ANCIENT INDIA UNIT****DEFINITIONS**

1. Social Classes	The way in which a civilization of people divides itself into different roles, responsibilities, and privileges.
2. Brahmins	members of the upper class of ancient Indian society: priests, teachers, judges, scholars
3. Kshatriyas	members of the army, warriors, and rulers
4. Vaisyas	commoners including farmers, merchants and artisans
5. Sudras	unskilled workers
6. Pariahs	lowest social class of ancient Indian society; "Untouchables"
7. Hinduism	The oldest religion in the world. The main religion of India which includes the worship of many gods and the belief that after a person dies he/she is reincarnated.
8. Vedas	books of knowledge in the Hindu religion
9. Raja	tribal leaders or chiefs
10. Citadel	a fortress sitting on top of a hill
11. Reincarnation	concept of being reborn after death
12. Eightfold Path	Buddhist teaching about the way to achieve nirvana; when the soul will no longer be reincarnated to earthly suffering.