South Asia Study Guide

Vocabulary:

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| Subcontinent | Monsoon | Dialect | Decipher |
| Rajah | Varna | Caste | Brahman |
| Sect | Atman | Reincarnation | Karma |
| Dharma | Nirvana | Dynasty | Stupa |
| Sultan | Purdah | Monopoly | Sepoy |
| Satyagraha | Civil Disobedience | Parliamentary Democracy | Coalition |
| Secular | Tenant Farmer | Land Reform | Cottage Industry |
| Plebiscite | Buffer State | Calligraphy |  |

**Concepts:**

What river systems are important to South Asia?

Monsoons-How do they affect South Asia? What is the importance?

How did WWII affect the struggle for independence of India?

What cultural differences lead to the partition of India?

**Historical:**

Ancient Civilizations: Indus Valley Civilization, Aryans, Maurya Empire, Gupta, Mughal

S. Asia Religions:

Hinduism- What are the basic Hindu beliefs?

When was it introduced? How was it introduced?

How are Hinduism and the caste system linked?

How are Hinduism and Buddhism similar and different?

Buddhism- What are the basic Buddhist beliefs?

When was it introduced? How was it introduced?

**Culture-** What cultures have influences South Asia over the years?

British Rule- Why was Britain able to win control of India?

How did British rule affect India?

How did India gain its freedom? Who was Gandhi?

What was life like in India, after British rule? (gov, leaders, econ, growth, caste, family)

What was the effect on the “Other Nations” after British rule in India?