**South Asia Study Guide**

**Vocabulary and important concepts**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mountain range that is found in Northern Afghanistan

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am the highest elevation in the world found in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountains

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are seasonal winds which much of India relies on for water for crops

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the rebirth of the soul in various forms

Created by the Ayrans, the caste system divided people into four classes called\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the single supreme force which is god is a part of (Hinduism)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the essential soul ( Hinduism)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ duties or obligations that should be performed by each caste- can improve your position in your next life

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from the Sanskrit word meaning “to do” every deed, mental or physical, in this life affects a person’s fate in a future life

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ set up in 1885, this group was set up to promote Indian rights

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Indian soldiers serving in the British army

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gandhi’s methods of non-violent resistance- it translates to “truth force”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Henry David Thoreau’s ideas which inspired Gandhi- it is the refusal to obey unjust laws

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1919 event in which more than 10,000 Indians gathered in a public area and British General Dyer ordered his troops to open fire resulting in 379 deaths and more than 1,100 wounded

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ancient cities of Harappa and Mohenjo Daro are found along this river- first civilizations of South Asia found along this river

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the social class system, which you are born into, which defined all aspects of life in India

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this is the ultimate testament to love this great architectural feat is considered one of the wonders of the world, Shah Jahan built this tomb for his beloved wife in the city of Agra in India

What is a subcontinent? Give an example.

Define Hinduism. What are some major aspects of this religion? What is the ultimate goal for Hinduism?

What are the 3 main gods of Hinduism? What do each represent?

Who is the founder of Buddhism? What are the holy books of Hinduism?

What is the basic principle for Buddhism? What is the ultimate goal? How can one achieve this goal?

What is the book of Buddhism?

Who were the 1st Europeans in India?

What was the British East India Company? How did this impact India?

Who was the most influential European group in India? What company did they establish?

Why is the Salt March such a significant part of India’s history?

What is one of the most important lasting effects of British colonial rule in India?

In traditional life, why are males preferred over females?

What is purdah? How did this impact traditional patterns of life in South Asia?

What types of family are typical for South Asia?

Why is the caste system so important to Hindus in India? Name each of the castes and what jobs they may be associated with?

Who are the dalits? How did Gandhi help this group of people? How did he refer to them?

Why are arranged marriages common in India? What percent of marriages are arranged?

What allowed for the caste system to be so successful in Indian and facilitate the British occupation of India?

What was the Sepoy Rebellion? What was the MAJOR result of the Sepoy Rebellion?

Officially the caste system was made illegal in 1947. What has weakened the caste system in India?

What is the most widely practiced religion in India today?

Where did Gandhi begin his efforts for non-cooperation against the British government? What system was he protesting?

What was Gandhi’s ultimate goal for India? ( what did he want to happen)

After its Independence, India split into two nations India and Pakistan- list the leader of the of each as well as the major religion.

Give 3 examples of civil disobedience practiced by Gandhi in protest to British rule.

Who assassinated Gandhi? Why was he so upset?

India and Pakistan are “fighting” over claims to Kashmir, why? What does Kashmir want?

Based on our reading and classroom discussion, what is the most critical global concern with Pakistan?

Who are the mujahedeen?

Who are the Taliban?

Why the Taliban was was initially welcomed in Afghanistan?

Based on our reading, what were three characterizes of the repressive life under the Taliban?

Where is the world’s largest democracy found?

What is outsourcing?

Why are cows free to roam the streets in India?

Why do so many people in India go to see movies?

Describe Bollywood movies.

Map Skills- Be able to place the following on a South Asia map-

Mumbai Indus River Afghanistan Bangladesh

Calcutta Brahmaputra River Pakistan Himalaya Mountains

New Delhi Ganges River India Hindu Kush Mountains