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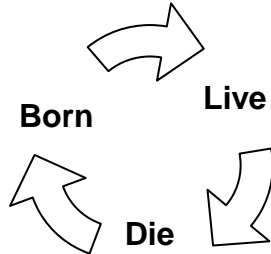
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Basic Beliefs of Hinduism: Cheat Sheet

Part I. Basic Beliefs:

1. Reincarnation (Samara) – the Hindu belief of rebirth. The soul is reborn into a new living form until the person has perfect dharma.



2. Dharma – the Hindu’s moral and religious duties of person.

3. Karma – the Hindu name for a person’s actions. A person’s karma will affect the form a person will take on in their next life.

4. Ahimsa – the Hindu belief of nonviolence.

5. Atman – the Hindu name for the soul or basic self.

Part II. Vocabulary Terms

1. Indo-Europeans – prehistoric group that started in the Eastern Europe.

2. Vedas - a collection of hymns, prayers, and poems that make up the Hindu’s sacred text.

3. Brahman – Hindu great spirit or all powerful god.

4. atman – Hindu name for the human soul.

5. ahimsa – Hindu belief in nonviolence.

6. reincarnation -a rebirth of a soul in a new human body or living form.

7. Caste - rigid social class system in Indian that kept people at specific class through the use of customs, laws, and religion. Part of the caste system:

- Brahmins – Priests
- Kshatriyas – Warriors
- Vaiyas – Merchants, Farmers, and Craftspeople
- Sudras – Peasant and Servants

8. untouchables – the lowest level in Indian society.