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**India Short Answer Study Guide (Hinduism and Buddhism) - C**

**Due Wednesday 2/4/15**

*Refer to your notes, research and coach book pages 146-147*

*to answer the following questions on Hinduism and Buddhism.*

**HINDUISM**

**1. Describe Hinduism. What are the core beliefs of Hinduism? Explain karma and give an example.**

**2. What are the holy books/scriptures of Hinduism known as?**

**3. Why is the Ganges River sacred to Hindus? Explain how religion has played a role in the Ganges religion pollution.**

**4. Define monotheism and polytheism. Explain whether Hinduism is monotheistic or polytheistic. Why?**

**5. Why are cows sacred to Hindus?**

**6. Research at least one god in Hinduism. What is the god’s name? What does he or she represent?**

**10. Explain the caste system. Which caste is the highest? Why? Which group is so low that they aren’t even considered on the caste?**

**11. Describe each caste.**

**12. Why was Gandhi against the caste system?**

**BUDDHISM**

**7. Describe Buddhism. What are the core beliefs of Buddhism? (Consider the Middle Way).**

**8. Who was Siddhartha? Why is he known as the Buddha?**

**9. Describe reincarnation. How does it differ between Hinduism and Buddhism?**

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