

## Second Grade “India” Assessment

1a. Which continent is the largest and has the most people?

- a. Asia
- b. North America

1b. Which continent is the largest and has the most people?

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1c. What does it mean when we say that Asia is the most populous continent?

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2a. The country outlined on the map below is:

- a. India
- b. Africa



2b. Label India on the map below.



2c. What continent is India located on? Label India on the map.



- 3a. Name the two rivers that are important to the people of India.  
a. Indus and Yangtze  
b. Indus and Ganges

- 3b. Name the two rivers that are important to the people of India.  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3c. Label the two rivers important to the people of India on the map below. Then, explain why early civilizations settled along rivers.

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- 4a. What is the oldest religion in the world, which started in India?

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- 4b. What is the oldest religion in the world, which started in India? Give one way that it is different than Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

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4c. What does it mean to say that the Hindus believe in one God and in many gods?

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5a. Who are the three main gods in Hinduism?

- a. Jesus, Mohammed and Abraham
- b. Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva

5b. Who are the three main gods in Hinduism?

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

5c. Who are the three main gods in Hinduism? Explain the different roles of the three main gods in Hinduism.

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6a. Which of the following are two of the most important books in Hinduism?

- a. The Rig Veda and the Ramayana
- b. The Ramayana and the Qu'ran

6b. From the list of holy books below, circle the two that are the most important books in Hinduism.

- a. The Qu'ran
- b. The Rig Veda
- c. The Ramayana
- d. The Torah

6c. What kind of important information can be found in the sacred Hindu book the Rig Veda?

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7a. What religion grew out of Hinduism in Ancient India?

- a. Buddhism
- b. Christianity

7b. What religion grew out of Hinduism in Ancient India?

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7c. Name one similarity and one difference between Buddhism and Hinduism.  
Similarity: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Difference: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8a. Who is the founder of Buddhism?  
a. Prince Siddhartha  
b. King Asoka

8b. How did Prince Siddhartha's father try to make sure his son was always happy?  
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8c. Give a brief summary of why Siddhartha left his life of luxury.  
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9a. After Siddhartha left his life of wealth he spent a lot of time thinking. Eventually he was called Buddha, the \_\_\_\_\_ One.

9b. After Siddhartha learned more about life what did people begin to call him?  
\_\_\_\_\_

9c. After Siddhartha learned more about life what did people begin to call him? What did Siddhartha learn about suffering and death during his time of thinking?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

10a. Which two of the following are teachings of Buddha?  
a. Be kind and merciful to animals and humans.  
b. Pay taxes to the government.  
c. Harm no living thing.  
d. Love one another as I have loved you.

10b. How did Buddha tell his followers to treat others?  
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10c. How did Buddha tell his followers to treat others? Compare the teachings of Buddha and Jesus.

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11a. Did Buddhism spread to other countries? Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

11b. Buddhism spread to many countries. Name two.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

11c. How did King Asoka help spread Buddhism to other countries?

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12a. Why didn't King Asoka believe in Buddhism at first?

- a. Buddhism taught that people should be kind to animals and King Asoka liked to hurt animals.
- b. Buddhism taught that you should hurt no living thing and King Asoka was fighting in a war killing people.

12b. What teaching of Buddha did King Asoka disagree with at first?

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12c. Why did King Asoka have problems with the teachings of Buddha?

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13a. How did King Asoka change after deciding to follow the teachings of Buddha?

- a. He built hospitals and planted trees.
- b. He fought wars against more countries.

13b. How did King Asoka change after deciding to follow the teachings of Buddha?

- a. He fought wars against more countries.
- b. He built hospitals and planted trees.
- c. He gave up his kingdom.
- d. He made all the people in his kingdom worship only Buddha.

13c. How did King Asoka change after deciding to follow the teachings of Buddha?

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The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated.

Questions all levels of 4-10: History Standard 6.1. Students know the historical development of religions and philosophies.

Questions 6c, 9c, 10a, 10b, 10c, 11a, 11b, 11c: History Standard 6.2. Students know how societies have been affected by religions and philosophies.

Questions 4a, 4b, 4c, 7c, 9c, 11a, 11b, 11c: History Standard 6.3. Students know how various forms of expression reflect religious beliefs and philosophical ideas.

Questions 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c: Geography Standard 1.1. Students know how to use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

Questions 3a, 3b, 3c: Geography Standard 1.2. Students develop knowledge of Earth to locate people, places, and environments.

Questions 11a, 11b, 11c: Geography Standard 1.3. Students know how to analyze the dynamic spatial organization of people, places, and environments.

Question 3c: Geography Standard 4.1. Students know the characteristics, location, distribution, and migration of human populations.

Question 3c: Geography Standard 4.4. Students know the processes, patterns, and functions of human settlement.

## Answer Key

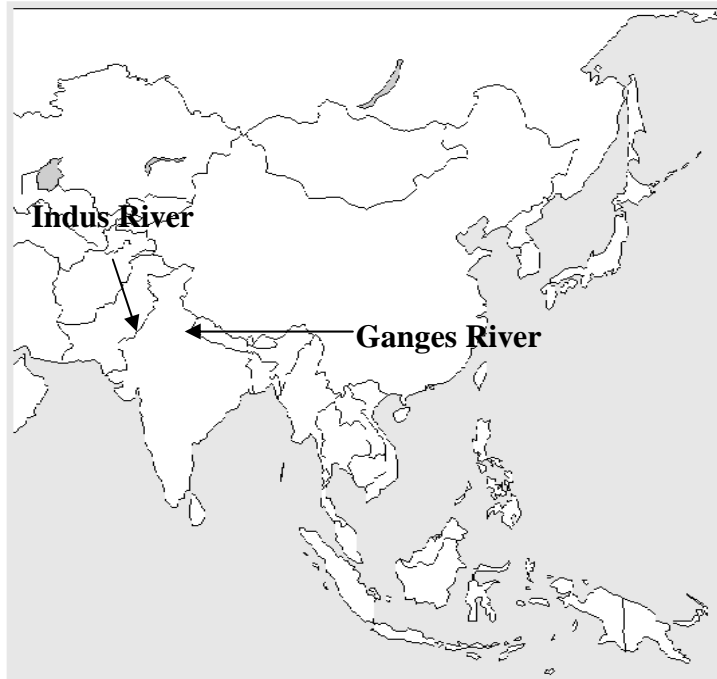
- 1a. a. Asia  
1b. Asia  
1c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-it has the most people  
-more people live on that continent than any other
- 2a. a. India  
2b. See map below for answer.



- 2c. Asia  
See map in 2b for answer.
- 3a. b. Indus and Ganges  
3b. Ganges and Indus

3c. See map below for correct labeling. For the second part, acceptable answers could include:

- water was essential for life
- soil was more fertile along the river
- transportation



4a. Hinduism

4b. Hinduism

Acceptable answers could include:

- Hinduism has many gods and Christianity and Judaism has only one God
- Hinduism has many teachers and leaders and Christianity has Jesus as the main teachers
- Hinduism has many sacred books and Christianity and Judaism have only one sacred book

4c. Acceptable answers could include:

- Brahman is the one main god, but there are many other lesser gods.

5a. b. Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva

5b. Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva

5c. Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva

Brahma is the creator god, Vishnu is the god who preserves life, and Shiva is the god of fire (destruction and making new things)

6a. a. The Rig Veda and the Ramayana

6b. b. The Rig Veda

c. The Ramayana

- 6c. Acceptable answers could include:
- poems
  - how to celebrate weddings and funerals
  - how to live
  - advice for being a good Hindu
- 7a. a. Buddhism
- 7b. Buddhism
- 7c. Acceptable answers could include:
- Similarities may include many sacred writings, ideas about how to live life, founded in India.
  - Differences may include Hinduism involves worshipping gods and Buddhism involves seeking enlightenment, Buddhism spread more widely than Hinduism, Buddhism was started by one man and Hinduism was started by many people.
- 8a. a. Prince Siddhartha
- 8b. Acceptable answers could include:
- he made sure that Siddhartha never saw poor, sick, old people
  - he surrounded him with beautiful things
- 8c. Acceptable answers could include:
- Siddhartha saw an old man, a dead man and a holy man on a trip outside the palace. He was upset and decided to explore why people had to suffer.
- 9a. Enlightened
- 9b. The Enlightened One
- 9c. The Enlightened One
- Acceptable answers could include:
- He understood that suffering and death were a part of life and they happened to everyone.
- 10a. a. Be kind and merciful to animals and humans.
- c. Harm no living thing.
- 10b. Acceptable answers could include:
- Be kind and good to everyone.
- 10c. Acceptable answers could include:
- Be kind and good to everyone.
  - both encouraged people to be kind and good, to treat others well
  - both said that people would suffer and die
- 11a. Yes
- 11b. China, Japan, and Southeast Asian countries
- 11c. Acceptable answers could include:
- He sent Buddhist priests to many countries to spread Buddhism.
- 12a. b. Buddhism taught that you should hurt no living thing and King Asoka was fighting in a war killing people.

- 12b. Acceptable answers could include:  
-Hurt no living thing, be kind and merciful.
- 12c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-He was a warrior and Buddha's teachings encouraged love and peace.
- 13a. a. He built hospitals and planted trees.
- 13b. b. He built hospitals and planted trees.
- 13c. Acceptable answers could include:  
-he stopped fighting wars  
-he built hospitals  
-he planted trees  
-he set up houses for travelers  
-he dug wells for fresh water