

**Quiz #9**  
**Notes**  
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**Vocabulary**

- Diffusion – spreading or sharing of culture elements (ideas, music, clothing, politics, religion, etc.) from one area to another

**Hinduism**

- Caste System – social structure of the Hindu religion
  - Born into a caste
  - Could move your caste in the next life depending if you lived a good or bad life
- Reincarnation – Hindu belief that life and death are an endless cycle (birth, death, rebirth)
- 3 main gods and 1000's of others
- Ganges River was considered sacred by Hindus.

**Buddhism**

- Siddhartha Gautama's (aka the Buddha) ideas and the path he set forth are known as Buddhism.
  - Son of a King
  - Saw people suffering in his kingdom
  - Went to search for an end to suffering
  - Began to teach people how to follow the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, and the Middle Way.
- Jataka – set of tales told by the Buddha to explain compassion and how to live a good life.
- Nirvana - is the highest goal for human beings who seek to end the cycle of reincarnation (birth, death, and rebirth).
- Asoka – helped to spread the ideas of Buddhism throughout Asia

**Silk Road**

- trade route
- Stretched from China to the Mediterranean Sea.
- Goods and ideas traveled up and down it