**Edmund Burke Academy/Online Lesson**

**World Affairs**

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***Hinduism*** (to accompany PPT, need research materials or internet)

Note: Please be thorough in your answers; dates are necessary and complete explanations required.

1. Explain the difference between a **religion** and a **philosophy**. Is Hinduism a religion or a philosophy?
2. How does the quote on the title slide of the PPT reflect the difference in the concepts of “salvation” as found in Christianity and Hinduism?
3. Approximately how many people in the world claim to be Hindu? (look it up)
4. From what two cultures does Hinduism originate?
5. What is **syncretism**?
6. What is **Brahman**?
7. What is **Atman**?
8. What is the goal of Hinduism?
9. What is the end of the cycle of creation, preservation, and destruction called?
10. What is that place of perfect peace at the end of the cycle called?
11. What does one call becoming “one with Brahman?”
12. What are **Dharma and Karma**?

 What is the relationship between the two?

1. What is **Samsara**? What is it more commonly called?
2. What type of writings are found in the Four Vedas?
3. Which Veda is the oldest?
4. Explain the story found in the Bhagavad Gita.

What key Hindu principle does it emphasize?

1. What is the relationship between the three gods of the Trimurti?
2. What is a Hindu Avatar?

 Who is the Mother Goddess?

 Who is the Remover of Obstacles?

19. How do Hindus regard “destruction” as illustrated in Kali?

20. Where do we get the term “caste” system?

 Who introduced the caste system into India?

21. List the five castes and their jobs.

22. What do the lights in Diwali represent?

23. Why do Hindus use the polluted Ganges River for purification rituals?

24. Explain the concept of Ahimsa.

 How is it reflected in the following: the treatment of the cow, actions of Gandhi?