

Religions of Salvation in India

Describe each of the following in the space provided. Make special note of why a particular religion was popular and what made it different than the others.

Jainism

Early Buddhism

Mahayan Buddhism

Hinduism

Chapter 9 Primary Source Questions

Read *Sources from the Past, Caste Duties According to the Bhagavad Gita*, on page 227 of your textbook.

1. Who might have written this piece? (point of view)
2. How could this instruction for the warrior caste (Kshatriya) apply to all castes?
3. How did the *Bhagavad Gita* contribute to the popularity of Hinduism?

Examine the **gold coin**, northern India, first/second century CE, on page 214 of your textbook.

4. Can you determine why Buddha might be on the face of the coin?
5. How do you know this is the Buddha?

Examine the **stupa** at Sanchi, India, second century BCE, on page 222 of your textbook.

6. Describe the shape of the main building.
7. Why did Ashoka have it built and who actually built it?
8. Can you guess what the shape represents?