**Ancient India Cyber Hunt**

Go to <http://www.mrdowling.com/612india.html>

Click on **Caste System**.

What was the Caste System?

What castes were people divided into?

Click on **Hinduism** at the top of the page.

What do all Hindus believe?

What are vegetarians?

Why are many Hindus vegetarians?

Go to <http://www.saigan.com/heritage/gods.htm>

Start with Brahma and end with Ganesha. Write a short paragraph about each.

Brahma - The God of Creation

Vishnu - The God of Maintenance

Siva - The God of Destruction

Saraswathi - Consort of Lord Brahma

Lakshmi - Consort of Lord Vishnu

Parvathi - Consort of Lord Shiva

Ganesha - Son of Shiva & Parvathi

We now go on to **Daily Life in Ancient India**.

<http://india.mrdonn.org/indus-dailylife.html>

**Indus Valley Civilization Daily Life** (3000-1500 BCE)

How many years ago did the Indus Valley civilizations exist?

What civilizations existed during the same time as the first Indian civilizations?

What were the homes like?

What kind of clothes and jewelry was worn?

Describe the kinds of entertainment.

What kind of foods did the people eat?

What kind of toys and art was there?

What kind of transportation was there?

Why were Indus Valley cities built on top of each other?

Aryan Civilization Daily Life (1500-500 BCE)

What does the red dot on the forehead mean?

Where did the Aryans come from?

What were the Aryans?

What are the Vedas?

What does Veda mean?

When were the Vedas composed?

What are the two epic stories of the Aryans?

What is the Ramayana about?

What is the Mahabharata about?

What was a yagna?

What did Aryan's eat?

What were the four Aryan groups?

What was a person's job dependent on?

What is a guru?

Next, go to <http://www.sanatansociety.org/hindu_gods_and_goddesses.htm>

Read the descriptions of some of the early Hindu gods and goddesses. Choose one and paste the picture into your document. Beneath the picture, describe the god or goddess and its significance within the Hindu religion.