India Study Guide – use your notes to complete the following. KEY

1. What is a monsoon and why is it important to the people of India? It is a seasonal wind that brings rain. It is very important for the farmers & their crops.
2. What is the capital of India? New Delhi
3. What is the official language of India? Hindi
4. What type of government does India have? Parliamentary Democracy
5. What is India’s currency called? Rupee
6. What is the Taj Mahal? A building that Emperor Shah Jahan built to honor his wife. Due to its architecture, it is a famous tourist site.
7. What is the largest part of India’s economy? Farming/agriculture
8. What is India’s most important river and why? Ganges it is sacred to the Hindu people.
9. What is Bollywood? India’s movie making industry. They make more movies than Hollywood.
10. What is the major religion in India? Hinduism

List 3 things they believe in: Karma, Dharma, Reincarnation, many animals are sacred

1. Who were the untouchables? Lowest caste, Dalit Caste.
2. When were the untouchables given equal rights? 1949
3. What is Dharma? A set of guidelines/rules for each caste to follow
4. Who was Gandhi and how did he help the people of India? He led the Indian people to independence from the British. Believed in non-violence & wanted Hindus & Muslims to live together peacefully.
5. Who were the Sepoys? Indian troops who served in the British army
6. What was the East India Company? A British company that set up trading posts in India but then slowly began increasing their power, established their own court system, and was a part of taking over India.
7. What was the Indian National Congress? Group of Indian leaders who worked for India’s independence
8. Give some examples of Gandhi’s protests: Salt March, homespun campaign. Non-violent protests.
9. What year did India achieve its independence? 1947
10. Why did many Muslims & Hindus still fight after gaining independence?

They wanted separate states. Many Muslims left & created Pakistan.

YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL OF YOUR VOCABULARY WORDS!!!!!!!!!!!

*Dowry, discrimination, Hinduism, reincarnation, caste system, Karma, boycott.*