**Unit 2 Study Guide: Classical East Empires in India and China**

1. What were the characteristics of Indus River Valley civilizations?
2. Know the characteristics of Hinduism and Buddhism, with an emphasis on their similarities and differences
   1. Make sure you know the following terms:

Vedas

Karma

Dharma

Samsara

Nirvana

4 Noble Truths

Eightfold Path

1. Where did Hinduism and Buddhism originate?
2. How did the geography of India impact its development?
3. How did the geography of China impact its development and its relationship with other groups?
4. What was the rule of Asoka like and how did he impact the spread of Buddhism?
5. What is the importance of the Mauryan Empire to the history of India?
6. Why is the Gupta Empire known as the “Golden Age” in India? What was the name of their writing?
7. Know the main principles of Legalism, Daoism, Confucianism and how to tell them apart.
8. Who was Shi Huangdi? Describe his reign and his political philosophy. How did he change China?
9. What are the Terracotta Soldiers, and the Great Wall? What dynasty are they associated with?
10. How did the political philosophy of the Han differ from the Qin? How did this lead to the creation of the Civil Service?
11. How did the use of the Silk Roads impact China?
12. What is the Mandate of Heaven and how did it explain the Dynastic Cycle in China?