Aim: What do Hindu people believe and how does the caste system work?

Bell Ringer: Define reincarnation. Why do you think that some religions believe it?

Homework:

Caste Rules
- **Brahmans**: Pass out/take away Karma tickets and help with reincarnation ceremonies
- **Kshatriya**: Read when called upon, answer questions, and write on the smartboard
- **Vaishya**: Pass out and collect papers.
- **Sudras**: Get candy for higher classes.
- **Untouchables**: Pick up trash and clean up messes that the other classes make.

***It takes five karma points to move up in social class***

Add several pictures of Hindu gods/goddesses with their name and title. It helps you can describe why each looks the way they do.

Cut and paste a political map of Asia or the world here. Have member of the Kshatriya caste circle India.

Significant Writings
- **Vedas**: Started by Aryan invaders of India, possibly the oldest books in the world.
- **Upanishads**: Hindu scriptures that contain its major teachings and beliefs.

**Atman**: The individual soul
**Brahman**: The universal world soul
**Karma**: Material actions resulting from the consequences of previous actions
**Dharma**: Fulfilling one’s duty in life
**Ahimsa**: The belief that all life is sacred and should not be harmed.
Hindu Caste System Simulation

The Caste System is a rigid class structure based on Hinduism which is found in India. It is believed that if one leads a good life then they will be rewarded by being reincarnated as a person belonging to the next highest level in the Caste System.

- **Bhramin** - Priests
- **Kshatriya** - Warriors
- **Vaisyya** - Merchants and landowners
- **Sudra** - Commoners, peasants, and servants
- **Untouchables** - Street sweepers and latrine cleaners

**Exit Slip:** Why do you think that all social classes appreciate and participate in the caste system? Explain