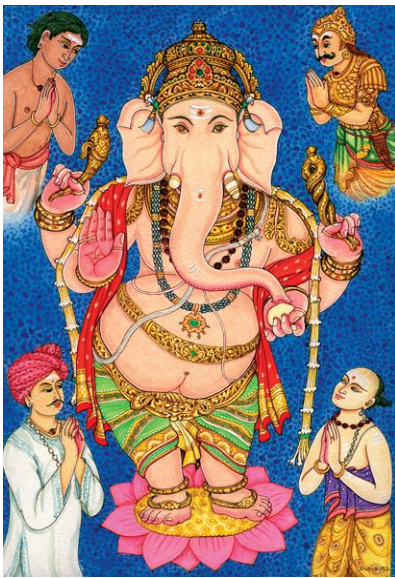




भारत
(India in Hindi)



India Learning Packet



Painting of Ganesha :

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Lord Rama: Painting from
1816



Hanuman, a central
character in the
Ramayana



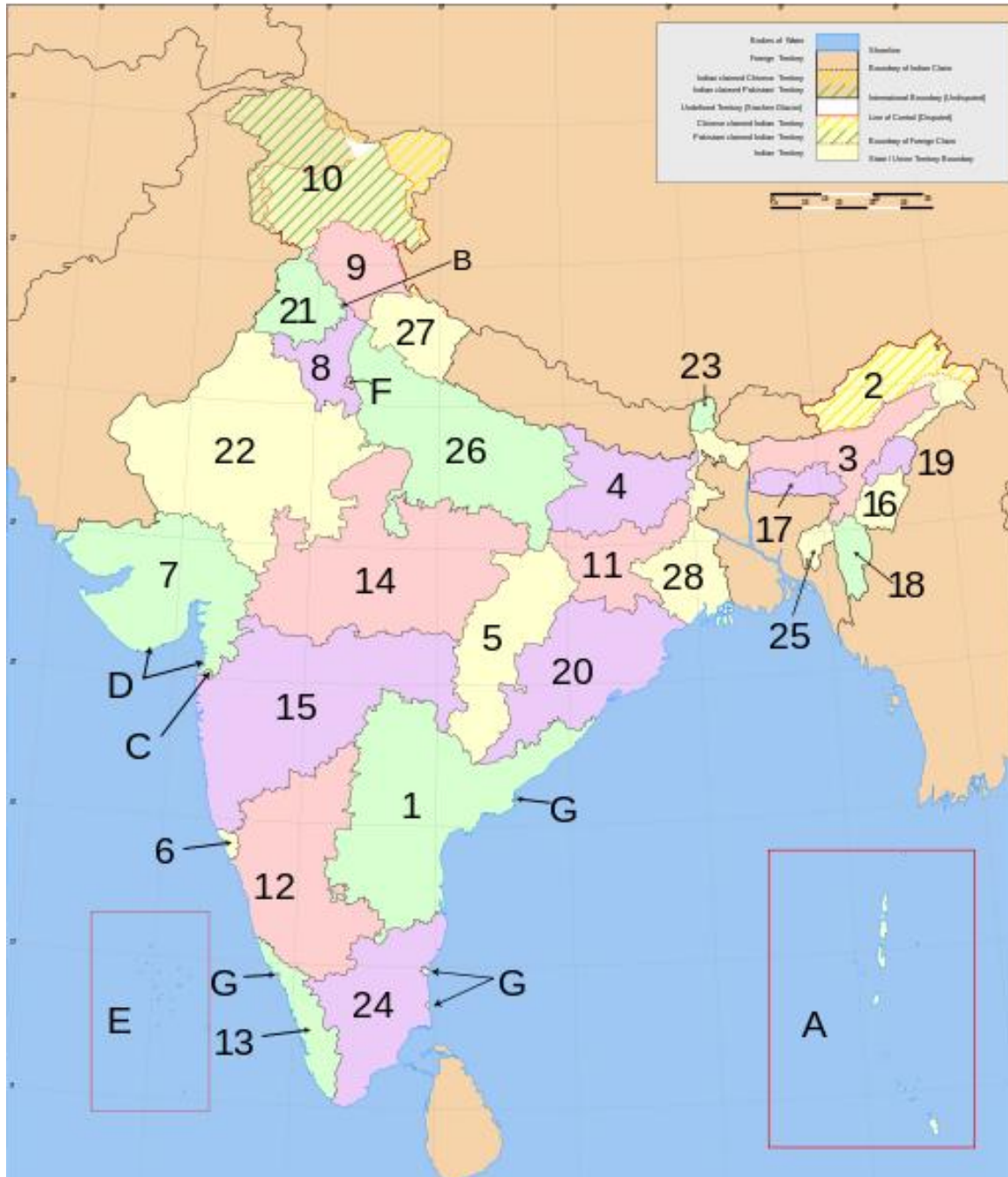
Hindu Deities

Location of India

Color India in on the world map below.



Geography of India



How many states are there (Numbers)?

How many territories are there (Letters)?

Let's Compare

India is on the continent of _____.

The USA is on the continent of _____.

India has _____ states.

The USA has _____ states.

The capital of India is _____.

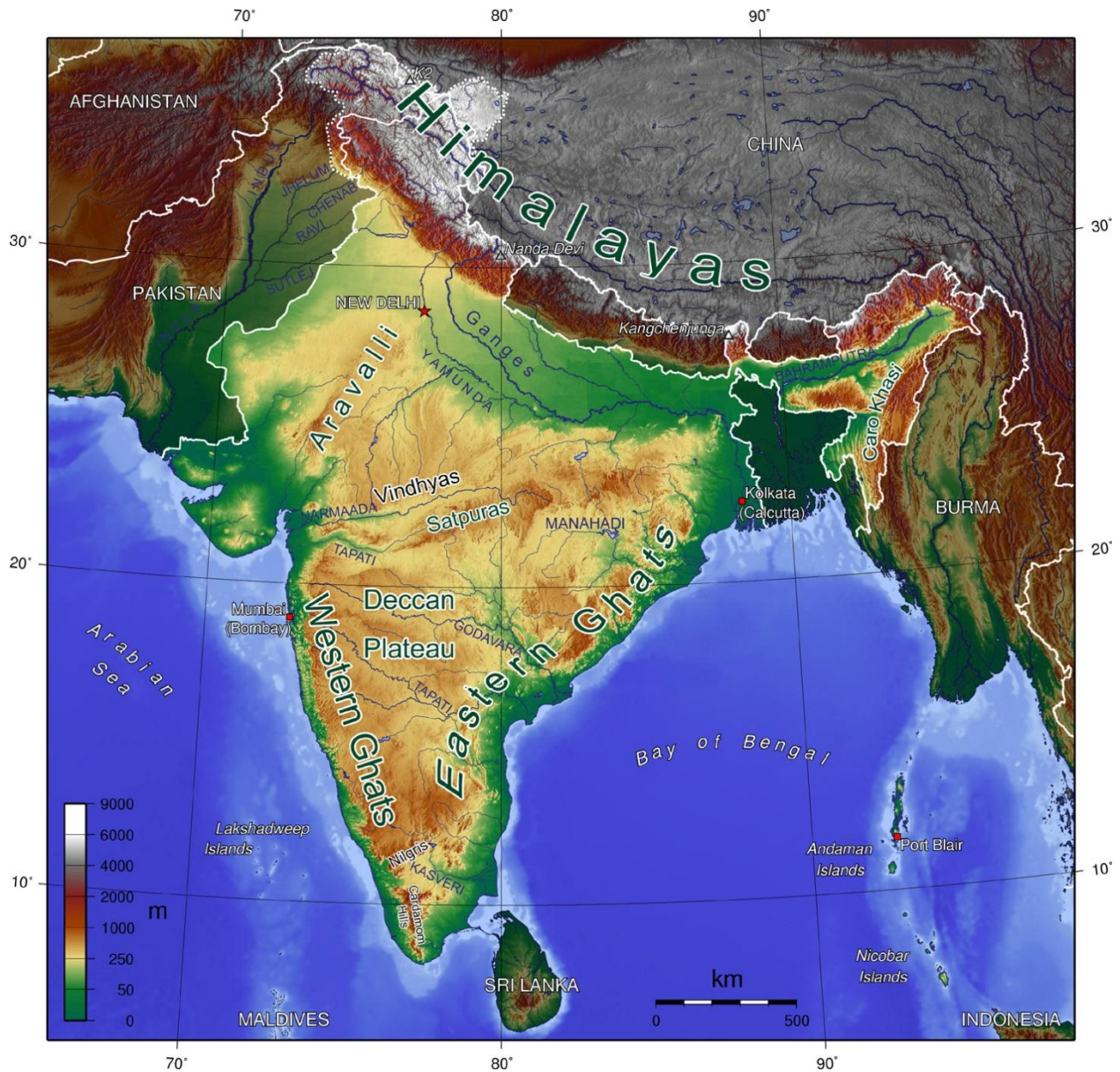
The capital of the USA is _____.

There are about _____ people in India.

There are about _____ people in the US.

India is about _____ the size of the US.

Geographical Features of India



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Study the map on the previous page, then draw in the Ganges River, Eastern and Western Ghats and the Himalayas.



What Do We Know about India?

How big is India?

What are some animals of India?

What is India's climate like?

What are some of the religions in India?

Do you know any countries that colonized India?

What are some famous landmarks in India?



Color in the Flag of India

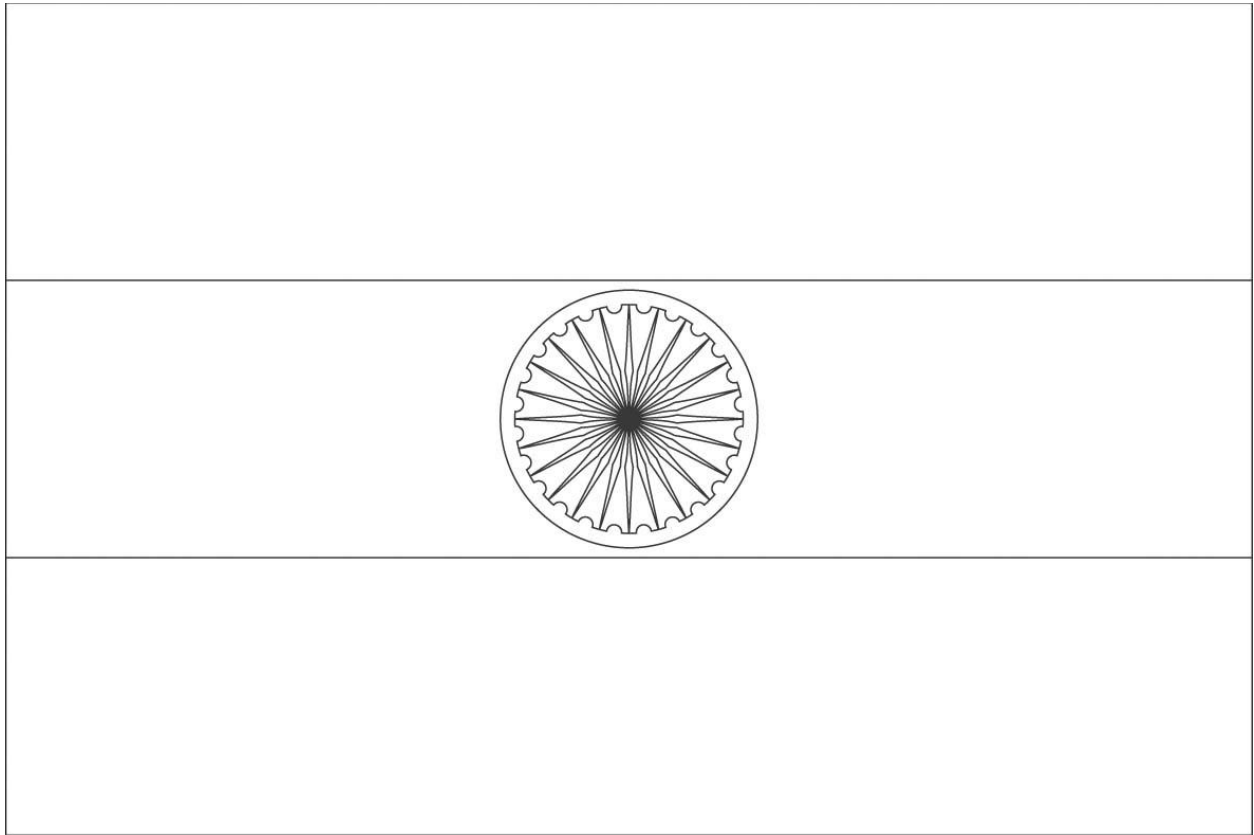


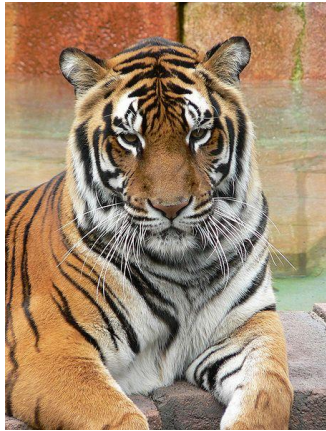
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Cities of India

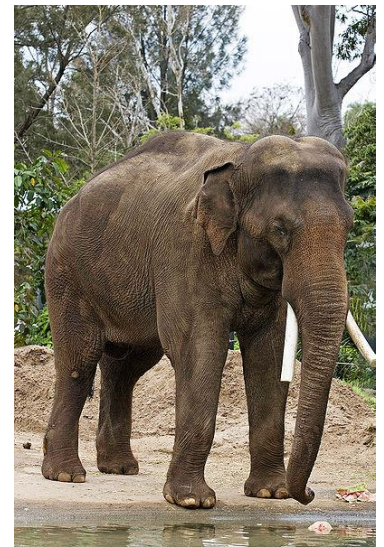


What are some of the major cities of India?

Animals of India



Can you guess how these animals are used in the tourist industry in India?



What do you notice about this street scene in Mysore, India?



What do you notice about this street scene in Amritsar, Punjab, India?

Locate Amritsar on the map on page 8.



Facts about India



1. India is about _____ the size of the US. It has the _____ highest population in the world with _____ billion people.
2. There are _____ states in India.
3. Two major rivers in India are the _____ and _____.
4. One of the most famous buildings in the world is the _____ which was commissioned by the Moghul ruler Shah Jahan to hold the remains of his _____. It is made of _____.
5. _____ is the major religion of India. India is also the birthplace of _____. When the Moghuls ruled India, _____ was imposed as the official religion. Today about _____% of India's population practices Hinduism and _____% practices Islam.



6. India's Constitution was completed in 1950. India has a democratic-republic (sometimes referred to as a parliamentary republic). Parliament is the supreme legislative body of India. The Indian Parliament comprises of the President and the two Houses - Rajya Sabha (Council of States) and Lok Sabha (House of the People).

****Find out who the current President of India is:**

****How is the Indian government similar or different from the way the US government is run?**

For example, how many years does the Indian president serve and how many years does the US president serve? How is the President of India elected? What about in the US? How many times can the president serve (in India? in the US?)

Code of Manu

A Hindu books of sacred law written sometime during the first and second centuries B.C.

For the sake of the preservation of this entire creation, Purusha, the exceedingly resplendent one, assigned separate duties to the classes which had sprung from his mouth, arms, thighs and feet.

Teaching, studying, performing sacrificial rites, so too making other perform sacrificial rites, and giving away and receiving gifts -- these he assigned to the brahmins.

Protection of the people, giving away of wealth, performance of sacrificial rites, study and nonattachment to sensual pleasures -- these are in short, the duties of a kshatriya.

Tending of cattle, giving away of wealth, performance of sacrificial rites, study, trade and commerce, ... and agriculture -- these are the occupations of a vaishya.

The Lord has prescribed only one occupation for a shudra, namely, service without malice of ... these other three classes.

These classes later developed into the caste system:

Caste System

Since ancient times, India has had a caste system.

Brahmins	
Kshatriyas	
Vaishyas	
Shudras	

Not even considered part of the caste system were the and ostracized from society:

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Let's Compare - Answers

India is on the continent of Asia.

The USA is on the continent of North America.

India has 28 states.

The USA has 50 states.

The capital of India is New Delhi.

The capital of the USA is Washington D.C.

There are about 1.237 billion people in India.

There are about 313.9 million people in the US.

India is about 1/3 the size of the US.

Geography of India - Answers

How many states are there (Numbers)? 28

How many territories are there (Letters)? 7

What Do We Know about India? Answers

How big is India? slightly more than 1/3 the size of the USA

What are some animals of India? Bengal tiger, cobra, camel, Asian elephant, monkey

What is India's climate like?

What are some of the religions in India? Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism

Do you know any countries that colonized India? Great Britain

What are some famous landmarks in India? Taj Mahal

Facts about India - Answers

1. India is about 1/3 the size of the US. It has the second highest population in the world with 1.2 billion people.
2. There are 28 states in India.

3. Two major rivers in India are the Ganges and Indus.
4. One of the most famous buildings in the world is the Taj Mahal which was commissioned by the Moghul ruler Shah Jahan to hold the remains of his wife. It is made of marble.
5. Hinduism is the major religion of India. India is also the birthplace of Buddhism. When the Moghuls ruled India, Islam was imposed as the official religion. About 80% of India's population practices Hinduism and 13% practices Islam.

Caste System - Answers

Since ancient times, India has had a caste system.

Brahmins	Priests and scholars
Kshatriyas	Rulers and warriors
Vaishyas	Land owners and merchants
Shudras	Laborers

Not even considered part of the caste system were the and ostracized from society:

Untouchables