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### Unit 4 Vocabulary Words– Ancient India

<b>Word</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Illustration</b>
subcontinent	a large landmass that is connected to the rest of a continent, but is separated by a natural physical feature(s)	
Indus River	a river that flows from Tibet through the Himalayas and Hindu Kush into the Arabian Sea	
monsoon	a seasonal wind pattern that causes wet and dry seasons	
Himalayas	the world's highest mountain range which forms the northern border of the Indian subcontinent	
caste system	the social system in Indian society in which a person's place is determined by the rank of the family into which he or she is born	
Hinduism	one of the religions from India; it stresses that one main force connects all of life	
Buddhism	one of the religions from India; founded by Siddhartha Gautama and teaches that the most important thing in life is to reach peace by ending suffering	
reincarnation	a Hinduism belief that everyone moves in a constant cycle of birth, death, and rebirth	

dharma	the laws and responsibilities that guide the behavior of each caste member of Hinduism	
karma	a belief of both Hindus and Buddhists that the end result of all of a person's good and bad actions will determine their rebirth	
Vedas	the ancient book of sacred songs (hymns) in which Hinduism's beliefs are based	
Asoka	a king of India who was responsible for spreading Buddhism across Asia	
raja	a ruler or chief in India	
Sanskrit	the most important language of Ancient India	
metallurgy	the science of working with metals	
Buddha	Siddhartha Gautama came to be called the Buddha or the "Enlightened One"	