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## **Indian Literature and Siddhartha Anticipation Guide**

Read the *Literature of Ancient India* Introduction (pages 102 - 113) in the textbook and take notes on the different cultural characteristics that are covered in the section. It is important to understand the cultural concepts before we read the literature so that we have an understanding of what the authors are trying to convey in their works.

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### ***Sacred and Practical Teachings - pgs. 102-103***

1. Why It Matters – After looking over the first two pages, explain in your own words why it is important to study literature of ancient India.

1 pnt

2. Visual Analysis – There are a number of cultural images that represent Indian culture. Which image from the first two pages stands out to you the most? Explain your answer.

2 pnts

### ***Historical Highlights – pgs. 104 – 105***

3. What stands out to you about the entirety of the Vedic Age? Explain your answer.

1 pnt

4. What do the historical highlights tell the reader about how Indian culture was cultivated? Explain your answer.

2 pnts

### ***People and Society – pgs. 106 - 107***

5. Explain what you took away about the caste system and how it has shaped Indian culture.

1 pnt

6. How were women in ancient India treated?

1 pnt

**Arts and Culture – pgs. 108 - 109**

**4 pnts**

7. Explain the role that literature plays in Indian culture. What does the Indian view of literature tell you about their cultural values?

**4 pnts**

8. Describe two important aspects of Hinduism and Buddhism and what those aspects tell the reader about Indian point of view.

Hinduism –

Buddhism -

**Siddhartha - Themes and Ideas – Personal Connection**

**4 pnts**

9. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? How does a person gain knowledge and wisdom? Explain both answers.

**2 pnts**

10. Explain what you think is necessary for the learning process to take place. (Is a good teacher necessary? A positive environment?) Explain your view with detailed examples.

**4pnts**

11. Explain the role that dissatisfaction plays in life? Is it possible to ever be completely satisfied in life? Explain your answers.