Chapter 15 Reading Guide

**Guided Questions**

1. What factors led to the collapse of unified, imperial rule in India before and after the reign of Harsha?

1. When and how did Islam enter northern India?
2. How did Indian agriculture improve in the post classical era? What was the impact of these improvements on the population of the subcontinent?
3. What were some of the significant trade goods produced in southern India?
4. What was the function of the Hindu temple within Chola society?
5. How did the seasonal monsoons affect the trade of the Indian Ocean?
6. What were some of the specialized goods and manufactures to emerge from India into the world markets at this time?
7. How is it that Buddhism declined after the Muslim invasions while Hinduism survived?
8. To what extent did Indian culture penetrate Southeast Asia before the arrival of Muslim traders in the eighth century?
9. When and how did Islam reach Southeast Asia? Where did Islam take root?

**Key Terms to Identify (Remember to include the significance)**

Harsha monsoons Melaka

The Sind role of Hindu temples

Mahmud of Ghazni Dhows and junks

sultanate of Delhi The kingdom of Axum

Chola kingdom Caste and impact on social change

The kingdom of Vijayanagar Decline of Buddhism

The bhakti movement Funan

Khmers/Angkor Wat Sufis