**Chapter 9 Reading Guide and Vocabulary**

1. How did the Persian conquest set the stage for the emergence of the Maurya empire?
2. What were five major accomplishments of the emperor Ashoka?
3. How did the Gupta administrative practices differ from the Maurya?
4. How did India fit in to the trade along the Silk Road?
5. In what ways did the development of trade and manufacturing impact the caste system?
6. What are the fundamental beliefs of Jainism? What has been its long-term impact? Why did it never become as popular as other major world religions?
7. What was the popular appeal of Buddhism? How does it compare and contrast to Hinduism?
8. How did early Buddhism evolve into Mahayana Buddhism? How did that help spread the religion?
9. How did Hinduism evolve in India during this period?
10. Why did Buddhism eventually lose popularity in India?

Vocabulary: Identify in proper AP detail

Chandragupta Maurya jati Bhagavad Gita

Ashoka Maurya Jainism Mahabharata

Guptas Vardhamana Mahavira boddhisatva

Chandra Gupta  Siddhartha Gautama Mahayana Buddhism

caste system The Four Noble Truths Noble Eightfold Path