

Student learning goals: 1) to situate readings within an historical structure, 2) to identify key terms and ideas, 3) to evaluate dharma in the context of the *Bhagavad Gita* and in modern life

Historical Timeline – Streams that influence modern Hinduism (Flood, 21-22)

1. Indus Valley Civilization (c. 2500-1500 BCE)
2. Vedic Period (c. 1500-500 BCE)
3. Epic Period (c. 500 BCE – 500 CE)
4. Medieval Period (c. 500 CE – 1500 CE)
5. Modern Period (1500 CE – present)

### **Indus Valley – “Purity and Pollution”**

Mohenjo Daro and Harappa

### **Vedic Period**

Classical: “Order and Contract”

Aryan

Brahmanism

*Vedas* (Sanskrit)

Fire Sacrifice – Business Contract Model

Caste

*Name a primary Vedic god:*

*What did you discover about Sanskrit?*

Late: “Philosophical Speculation”

*Upanishads* = Sit down + near + \_\_\_\_\_

Brahman/atman

Samsara/karma

Moksha

Asceticism

### **Epic Period: “Duty”**

*Puranas* are (*circle one*): *Sharp-toothed fish* or *stories about Hindu gods*

*Mahabharata*

*Bhagavad Gita*

Arjuna and Krishna

Dharma

*Identify 3 different points about dharma:*

Three ways to salvation: Knowledge, \_\_\_\_\_, Devotion (bhakti)

