



**Compelling Question:**  
**How has religion and religious diversity impacted South Asia?**

## South Asia Essential Questions

*From SAN1:*

1. Where did the first civilizations form in South Asia and how do we know these were advanced societies for their time?
2. Who were the Aryans and what lasting cultural and social legacies did they leave on South Asia?

*From SANR:*

3. What are some key beliefs of Buddhism and which of these ideas are similar to Hinduism?

*From SAN2:*

4. Why did Emperor Asoka convert to a new religion and how did this impact his empire?(be sure to identify the empire & religion as part of your response!)

*From SAN3:*

5. What were the differences between Hinduism & Islam and how did Akbar the Great address this in his reign as Emperor?

On the unit test, your response to one of the above questions will be graded as follows:

5	Superior	Thorough response with all or nearly all relevant details.
4	Well Done	Thorough response with many relevant details.
3	Good	Adequate response with some relevant details.
2	Developing	Inadequate response lacking in relevant details.
1	Minimal	Inadequate response with very few relevant details.
0	No Credit	Inadequate response with no relevant details/No response.