**Dump and Clump--Indus Valley**

* Cut vocabulary cards into individual pieces
* At your table group, DISCUSS the relationships between words
* Group words into 4-5 different categories based on similar factors or characteristics
* You should title each category **creatively**
  + This does not work if categories are basic like “people” or “places”
  + Have deep dialogue about the words to really consider how the words overlap and relate
  + Example: enlighten, gurus, and karma could be in a category called *beliefs/practices of religion* as all of these things are related to the belief systems of the Indus Valley people

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| **monsoons**  Strong winds that change direction with the season; affects which crops grow and when crops grow | **caste**  A fixed social class into which a person is born |
| **karma**  The effect of a person’s actions in this and in previous lives | **Hinduism**  The main religion of India for the past 2000 years; one of the oldest religions in the world; polytheistic |
| **Buddhism**  A world religion that began on the Indian subcontinent; spread to many faraway lands | **Sanskrit**  The 1st language of Ancient India; allowed them keep records |
| **subcontinent**  A large landmass that is set apart from the rest of the continent | **enlightenment**  A state of perfect wisdom |
| **Vedas**  A collection of sacred hymns (religious songs) and other ancient texts; composed by the Aryans; written between 1500BC and 1000BC | **migrate**  To move from one region to another in order to live there |
| **caste system**  The social hierarchy of India created by the Aryans that divided Indian society into groups based on a person’s birth, wealth, or occupation | **Brahmanism**  A religion based on priests and rituals, particularly sacrifices to the gods; the religion of the Vedic Age |
| **gurus**  Teachers and thinkers who left their homes to live in the forest, to think, and to talk about religious ideas | **Aryans**  A nomadic group invaded India and took control; they introduced a new religion and a new social structure; Aryans means “the noble ones” |
| **widespread**  Common; spread across a large area | **Siddhartha Gautama**  An Hindu prince who was an Indian spiritual leader; became known as Buddha; founded Buddhism |