**Caste System (India)**

**Callanan Middle School**

**Patterson**

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The purpose of this lesson cycle is for students to understand how the caste system help organize Indian society and the attempts at reforming the policy.

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**Day 1**

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| **Warm Up**What is culture?Pull up vocabulary picture from Sub AfricaIndia Documentary – [Link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMksIZx5mI0)Actually watch documentaryElements of Culture Sheet-page 3 | Intro to Indian culture |

**Day 2**

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| **Warm Up**Simulation – Day 1Have the untouchables rip up small pieces of paper. Have the warriors throw it everywhere and then force the untouchables to clean it all up.-page 8-9 | Students define Caste SystemReincarnationRoles/ExpectationsSimulation Assume Groups |

**Day 3**

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| **Warm Up**Simulation – Day 2Depending on the total number of karma students get placed into new Caste systemCaste1.pdf (W)-differentiate readings, have students make a poster of what happened in class, show/explain what is going onDebrief simulationLevel 2 Assessment-page 5 | Hinduism/reincarnationCaste System – Historical Systems (Stability) reincarnation Historically |

**Day 4 - Computers Needed**

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| **Warm Up**Who has an email that they remember the password to? If no…. it’s homeworkCentral Idea of Primary and Secondary Sources Assessment (W)Split into Groups-groups are separated into two or threes, depending on class size, separation is based on group work dataShow How to Register and Use Class JumpTeach how to respond to each other’s argumentRegisterWork on Sample ThreadPost links | Essential QuestionGandhiCaste System Today in IndiaAffirmative Action in India |

**Day 5 – Computers Needed**

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| **Warm Up**RegisterDay 1 – Potential Discussion Board QuestionsDoes the Caste System exist today?Who was Gandhi and what role did he play in ending the Caste System?Show clip of Gandhi of nonviolence from movie | Caste System in the United States?American Dream and Social MobilityRaw Data/Affirmative ActionGandhi and MLKCome up with potential links |

**Day 6 - Computers Needed**

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| **Warm Up**Does the United States have a caste system?How would we know if one exists?Day 2 – Potential Discussion Board QuestionsHow are MLK and Gandhi similar?What did they fight for?How did they try and achieve their goals?Who was more successful? |  |

**Day 7 - Computers Needed**

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| **Warm Up**Does the United States have a caste system?How would we know if one exists?Day 3 - Potential Discussion Board QuestionsDoes the United States have a caste system?How would we know if one exists?What can be done to increase social mobility?Affirmative Action | Political Cartoon? |

**Day 8**

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| **Warm Up**Discussion Board Review & Rank Teammates-page 14 Economic Interdependence Assessment-page 3-4CNN News |  |

**Lesson Extensions**

**Name:**

**Block: Indian Culture**

**Teacher:**

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|  |  | **Definition** | **Indian Culture** |
| 1. | **Social Organization** | How the community is organized. |  |
| 2. | **Customs and Traditions** | Way people act, wear, what they eat, and their laws. |  |
| 3. | **Language** | How people communicate with each other. |  |
| 4. | **Religion** | What you believe in and your understanding of the meaning of life.  |  |
| 5. | **Art and Literature** | The ways people entertain themselves.  |  |
| 6. | **Forms of Government** | The people or group that control the population and provide/enforce the laws. |  |
| 7. | **Economic Systems** | How people make money and earn a living |  |

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**Directions**: *Define the below vocabulary words using complete sentences. Your answer must show mastery of the word.*

1. Caste System- (Include a drawing)

2. Reincarnation-

3. Social Mobility-

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**Directions**: *Define the below vocabulary words using complete sentences. Your answer must show mastery of the word.*

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2. Label and describe the five different levels of the Caste System.

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|  | **Role Name** | **Role Description** |
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3. What is reincarnation?

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4. What is social mobility?

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**Directions**: *Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answer must show mastery of the material.*

5. Explain, with examples, how different levels of the caste system affect people’s daily lives.

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**Directions***: Write a response to the prompt below. To receive credit for having level 4 understanding, you must show your mastery of the material and of the questions being asked. Responses are not necessarily limited to paragraph form and can include maps, charts, graphs, etc. You are assessed on the quality of your ideas, not your use of punctuation, grammar, etc.*

**Do you believe a caste system exists in the United States?** Justify your beliefs by providing specific evidence to support your stance.

**Caste System Simulation**

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**Introduction**

The caste system has helped define Indian culture over the decades. It provided stability for the Indian people by grouping people together and providing purpose in their lives.

**Activity Rules**

1. Each person begins the game with 9 karma points. (Many Hindus believe nine is a lucky number)

2. Each person will draw a card from the “Basket of Karma” with his or her role.

3. Players may gain karma points for a number of right actions.

-Proper respect for members of higher castes.

-Kind and generous treatment towards other members of the same caste.

- Joyful completion of tasks assigned to you.

4. Players may lose karma points for a number of inappropriate actions.

-Being mean to other students

-Not calling people above you “Mam” or “Sir”

-Failing to show proper respect for individuals in higher classes.

-Failing to complete the tasks assigned to you.

5. Mr. Patterson is playing the role of Brahma, the World Soul which pervades all life and controls all actions in the universe. He controls who earns and loses Karma points

**Steps**

1. Pick roles

 -pick roles out of the Basket of Karma, make nametags.

2. Brainstorm

 -separate by groups and discuss your new role, come up with extra tasks they want done

3. Assigned Tasks

 -complete assigned tasks on the back of this sheet

4. Reading/Questions

**Caste System Roles**

**Brahmins - Priest**

**Description**- You are the priests of society and spend most of your time in religious thought.

**Task-** You are at the top of Indian society. If you need something done you may ask the warriors to carry it out (be creative). You will need to tell the artists what to create (a play, a drawing, folding paper)

**Kshatriyas – Warrior**

**Description-** You are the elite warrior class who rules over society and helps Mr. Patterson enforce the rules of the simulation.

**Task-** When you see people not acting like they should report it to Mr. Patterson and he will make remove a karma point from the offending individual.

**Vaishyas** – Business Person or Artist

**Description-** The members of your class are either business men or artist.

**Task-** Your job is to create a piece of art worthy of the class. The priests/Brahmins will tell you what to do if you need help.

**Shudras -** Worker

**Description-** You are a worker who does hard work for the class.

**Task-** Your first job is to sharpen color pencils. When you finish ask the Brahmins what they want done next.

**Reading-** Your job is to write down the answer to the questions.

**Pariahs -** Untouchables

**Description-** Nobody likes you…..you are below Justin Bieber and Yellow Laffy Taffy’s. People believe that they will become dirty if they talk to you.

**Task-** You may not leave your taped area. Rip up pieces of paper the size of pennies until you are told to stop.

**Karma Tracker**

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**Class Jump Login Information**

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**Name:**

**Block: Discussion Board Feedback**

**Teacher**:

**What did you like about using the discussion board?**

**What did you not like about using the discussion board?**

 **What can I change to make it easier?**