# Caste System Questions.

**Document A**

The sentence below from the section "What Does Caste Mean?" helps prove the claim that people had no choice about which caste they were placed in.

Today, the term "caste" is used to describe societies that are "layered" based on hereditary groups not only in South Asia but throughout the world.

Which sentence from the article provides further support for the claim?

1. Others might say India's caste system is based on biology or the notion that all living things inherit a particular set of qualities.
2. Even today, most Indian languages use the term "jati" for the system of hereditary social structures in South Asia.
3. Individuals were born into and worked, ate, married and died within those groups.
4. Varnas are not racial groups but rather classes or socioeconomic groupings.

Brahmins would be MOST likely to agree with which of the following statements?

1. The caste system promotes inequality.
2. If I lead a good enough life, I will be able to change my class.
3. Everyone is pure when they are first born.
4. If I see an Untouchable, I should not address him.

HOW did the Aryans affect Indian society?

1. They created the caste system because they believed they were racially superior.
2. They enforced the caste system as a way to maintain control.
3. They created the caste system as a way to distinguish between races.
4. They enforced the caste system because they believed that it would make everything more equal.

**Document B.**

What group is the top of the Indian caste system?

What can you infer based off of this visual representation of the Indian caste system?

**Document C**

1. In what other Asian countries is caste-based abuse prevalent, as cited by Human Rights Watch?
2. According to HRW, how many people in India are bonded laborers?
3. Why has violence against Dalits increased since the early 1990s, as stated by the organization?
4. What is the “source” of this article”?
5. What value does this source have? What about limitation? (Use your OPCVL chart to help you)