

Sudra Clothing



Sudra Background Information

Level & Reincarnation:

Sudras are the lowest level of the caste system. In ancient India, this level was assigned to the darker skinned Indus Valley people. This left the lighter skinned Indians to be assigned to higher castes like Brahmin. It was later believed that after reincarnation, one's soul was assigned to this level as a punishment for crimes and bad deeds committed in the last life.

Sudras cannot move up in the caste system after reincarnation – even if they complete the goal of their caste perfectly. They are not a part of the “twice born groups.” They will still be reincarnated, just not to a higher level. Sudras can move down after this life and become untouchables or other lower beings if they do not follow the orders and goals of their caste level.

Caste Goal: To serve and provide for the upper castes.

Sudra Jobs:

- Laborers
- Craftsman
- Woodsman
- Builders
- Peasant farmers
- Shop keepers
- Servants



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Instructions

1. Examine the document “**Sudra Clothing**”
2. Discuss as a group what you think were some typical jobs of Sudras in Ancient India based on the clothing and images.
3. Open the folder that says “**Sudra Background**”
4. Read the information and fill out the Sudra boxes on your Caste System notes.
5. Discuss as a group, were you correct in your predictions about what jobs Sudras might have.