

## 4.3 The Birth of Hinduism (pp. 124-129)

**Section Outline:** Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- Ancient Writings
  - The Vedas
- The Hindu Way of Life
  - A Culture of Classes
  - The Cycle of Life
  - Duty or Disorder
  - Many Paths, One Goal
- Hinduism Today

**Reading Check Questions:** Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. Why are the Vedas important to Hinduism?
2. What are some of the beliefs of Hinduism?
3. What are some modern Hindu beliefs?