Worksheet: Kinship, Caste and Class (Early Societies c. 600 BCE – 600 CE)

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Q1. Distinguish between varna and jati. Why is this distinction important for historians studying early India? *[3 marks]*

Q2. In what ways did women's lives in early India conform to and differ from the Brahmanical ideal? *[5 marks]*

Q3. How do historians use the Mahabharata as a source for understanding early Indian society? What are its limitations? *[8 marks]*