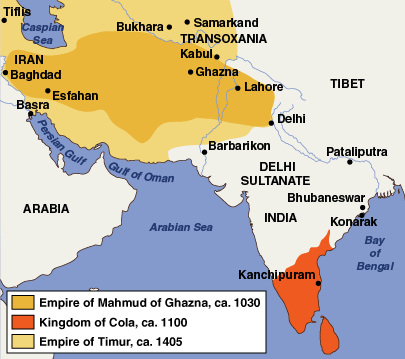
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**Indus River Valley Civilization**

**Geography of India**

The Indus Valley is located on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ~ a large land mass that juts out from a continent.
* In the middle of India is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a raised area of level land that provided water for farmers.

The Indian subcontinent also has monsoons

* Winter Monsoons = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Summer Monsoons = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Early Indus Civilizations**

Around 2600 B.C., the Indus river civilization emerged along the Indus River Valley.

* Archaeologists can not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the writing of the Harappan civilization and know very little about these people
* Archaeologists have excavated Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro to find clues about their way of life. They have used the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to learn about this civilization.

**Fall of the Indus**

Around 1900 B.C., Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa were completely abandoned – no one knows why!

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**Later Indus Civilizations**

**The Aryans**

The Aryan civilization began around 1500 B.C.

* The Aryans were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people who migrated to India with their horses from southern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The nomadic Aryans eventually started to farm and colonize the Ganges River Basin.
* They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to clear the land for villages.

The Aryans wrote the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a collection of hymns, chants, rituals, and religious teachings.

* The Vedas describe the Aryans as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_who love to eat, drink and have fun.

**Aryan Government and Society**

Government

* Aryan tribes were led by chiefs called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Social Structure

Indian people were divided into social classes in what was called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (priests)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (warriors)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (farmers, artisans)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (slaves)

A person could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_change their place in the caste system. They remained in the caste that they were born into for their entire life!

**Aryan Religion and literature**

Religion

* Two major religions emerged in Ancient India - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Aryan Literature

Aryans wrote two epic tales: The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* The Mahabharata told about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Ramayana taught \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Maurya Empire**

In 321 B.C., Chandragupta Maurya began the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ called the Maurya Empire.

* The most important Maurya Emperor was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Asoka was a Buddhist who did not believe in violence and ruled through moral example.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ~ commands that described how the Maurya Empire would be ruled. The following are some of his edicts:

**Gupta Empire**

About 500 years after the Maurya, the Gupta dynasty united most of India.

* The Gupta emperors organized a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that promoted peace and prosperity.
* Under the Gupta’s, India enjoyed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or a period of great cultural achievement.

The Gupta Golden Age

* Trade and farming flourished under the Gupta Empire, which contributed to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Gupta artists were best known for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and paintings in temples.
* Indian mathematicians began the concept of zero and developed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.