

Chapter 7: Ancient India

Lesson 1: The Geography of the Indian Subcontinent

subcontinent: _____

tributary: _____

tropics: _____

monsoons: _____

A. FINDING A LOST CITY

A History of All Peoples

1. What civilization was not included in the history book written by H. G. Wells? _____

2. What does Mohenjo Daro mean? _____

3. When did this city exist? _____

4. How advanced were these people? _____

4. What happened? _____

B. A LARGE TRIANGLE

A Subcontinent

1. Why was this ancient civilization considered a large triangle? _____

2. What is a subcontinent? _____

3. What countries now exist on the territory of the Indian subcontinent? _____

Mountain Ranges

1. What mountain ranges are located on the subcontinent? _____

2. What is located on the Indian Ocean? _____

C. IMPORTANT RIVERS

Rivers

1. What are the important rivers of the Indian subcontinent? _____

2. What is a tributary? _____

3. Why are rivers important? _____

4. Where are these rivers located? _____

D. LANDFORMS AND CLIMATES

Landforms

1. What landforms are located in this area? _____

2. Where are they located? _____

A Variety of Climates

1. Name the variety of climates in the Indian subcontinent region. _____

2. What are the tropics? _____

3. Monsoons are _____

Lesson 2: Ancient Indian Society and Culture

caste: _____

Brahman: _____

sharecropper: _____

A. ARYAN INVASION

Unsolved Mysteries

1. What did the skeletons of Mohenjo-Daro show? _____

2. When did the Aryans invade India? _____

The Aryans

1. Who were the Aryans? _____

2. Where were the Aryans located? _____

3. What were the Vedas? _____

4. What two epic poems were written? _____

B. THE CASTE SYSTEM

Aryan Society

1. In the earliest Aryan society what did every man do? _____

2. In time what happened to their society? _____

3. Who were lowest on the social ladder? _____

Castes

1. Name the many groups which made up the Aryan society? _____

2. Castes were _____

3. A Brahman was a _____

4. What eventually happened to the caste system? _____

C. THE RISE OF INDIAN EMPIRES

The Magadha Kingdom

1. What was the most powerful kingdom during the sixth century B.C.? _____

2. Where was the Magadha kingdom located? _____

3. What does Maharaja mean? _____

4. Who was Magadha's only serious rival? _____

The Mauryan Empire

1. Who began the Mauryan Empire? _____

2. How long did it last? _____
3. What did Asoka do? _____

D. LIFE IN INDIAN VILLAGES

1. What was life like in an Indian village? _____

2. What is a sharecropper? _____

3. What were the cities like during celebrations? _____

Lesson 3: Hinduism and Buddhism

reincarnation: _____

monk: _____

A. THE HINDU RELIGION

A Blend of Ideas

1. What is India's major religion? _____
2. What is Hinduism? _____

Reincarnation

1. What is the belief in reincarnation? _____

2. What is the meaning of Buddha? _____
3. Who was the founder of Buddhism? When did he live? _____

B. THE STORY OF THE BUDDHA

A Young Prince

1. What was the story of Buddha? _____

2. A monk is _____

A Wandering Beggar

1. What did Siddhartha Gautama hope to reach through self-denial and suffering? _____

2. How many Buddhists are there in the world today? _____

C. THE SPREAD OF BUDDHISM

1. How did Asoka help relieve suffering? _____
