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WHI.3 Ancient India Webquest

Website: <http://www.neok12.com/History-of-India.htm>

Follow the directions in bold font. Check the times on the video clips because that will help you determine if you have selected the correct video clip.

Understandings:

- Unique civilizations developed along fertile river valleys
- Different civilizations have various social structures
- People have to adapt to new leadership
- Each ruler had their own ideas in regard to how they governed their people

PART A: Click on “Indus Valley Civilization” video (time 4:30). Using headphones, watch the short video and answer the questions below. You can pause or rewind the video at any point if it goes too fast or you fall behind.

1. Where did the first group of people come from to start the Ancient Indus civilization?
2. Do you think this was a good place for the nomads to settle? WHY?
3. What are the “twin cities” of the Indus River Valley?
4. Why were these cities considered superior (better) than those in Mesopotamia?
5. What was the main occupation of people in the twin cities?
6. What religion practiced ritual bathing in the “Great Bath”? (Pick One)
 Islam Christianity Hinduism Buddhism Judaism
7. How did the city’s structure promote social equality?
8. How did the city defend itself against invasions/ attackers?

PART B: Hit the back button then click on “Decline of Harappan Culture” video (time 2:15). You can pause or rewind the video at any point if it goes too fast or you fall behind.

1. How far did goods from the Harappan civilization travel?
2. What natural disaster caused Harappa to be rebuilt seven times?
3. What major event caused the end of the Harappan civilization?
4. When were ruins of ancient Harappa discovered by archaeologists?
5. What was one artifact discovered by archaeologists?
6. What is one statement YOU can make about the Harappan civilization based on this artifact?

PART C: Hit the back button then click on “Maurya Dynasty” video (time 2:40).

1. TRUE/FALSE: After Chandragupta Maurya’s departure from India, Alexander the Great invaded and conquered the subcontinent. (If false please rewrite to make a true statement)
2. How far North & West did the Maurya Empire stretch?
3. How did the Mauryans establish such a vast empire? (circle one) PEACEFULLY? VIOLENTLY?

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PART D: Hit the back button then click on “Ancient India: Mauryan Empire” video (time 7:10). Using headphones, watch the short video and answer the questions below. You can pause or rewind the video at any point if it goes too fast or you fall behind.

1. How long did Ashoka rule?
2. Through _____ & _____ Ashoka brought India under one ruler.
3. Under Ashoka, did India flourish or decline? What evidence supports this?
4. What was Ashoka’s secret weapon that helped their army succeed? How many were used?
5. What kingdom was Ashoka’s last conquest?
6. How did Ashoka prepare for this invasion?
7. How did the battle of Kalinga change Ashoka?
8. What are some of the core beliefs of Buddhism?
9. How far did missionaries spread Buddhism?
10. What happened to India after Ashoka’s death?

PART E: Hit the back button then click on “Indian Manuscripts” video (time 3:31). Using headphones, watch the short video and answer the questions below.

1. What were some of the topics of early Indian literature?
2. How were stories passed down before writing in Ancient India?
3. What language was used to speak/ write stories?
4. What is one of the oldest written texts in the world?
5. TRUE/FALSE: The history of India is well documented.
6. What material were ancient manuscripts written on?

PART F: Hit the back button then click on “The Gupta Empire” video (time 7:50). You can pause or rewind the video at any point if it goes too fast or you fall behind.

1. Which part of India did the Gupta Empire control?
2. How long did Chandra Gupta rule? How did he maintain peace?
3. What two advancements did the Gupta develop in mathematics?
4. How did they determine that the Earth was round?
5. What kind of medical innovations did the Gupta Empire begin?
6. What role did India play in the overland trade between east and west?
7. THINK: What do you think is an advantage of trading by sea rather than by land?
8. **Pause the video at 6:31.** List 5 trade products from the key in the bottom right corner of the screen. Which do you think would be the most valuable? Why?