Ancient India Web Quest  
  
<http://india.mrdonn.org/indus.html>  
  
**Discovery Made!**  
  
What are the names of the two cities found by archaeologists in the 1920s?  
  
What river are the cities by, and this led them to be called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Valley Civilization.  
  
What time frame was this civilization active?  
  
  
  
**Daily Life**  
  
<http://india.mrdonn.org/indus-dailylife.html>  
  
Describe how the newly discovered civilizations houses looked.  
  
What modern utility do our homes share with their homes?  
  
Describe how a man and a woman would typically dress. Also name one thing that they might have done for entertainment.  
  
What were the main crops that they grew? What types of farm animals did they have?  
  
What makes archeologists believe they shared a common language?  
  
What did they use for transportation?  
  
Describe what their cities looked like. To answer watch: <http://www.neok12.com/video/History-of-India/zX7950726c03797243435402.htm>  
  
From the video before, describe what their town defense system was like.  
  
Finally, what happened to this civilization?  
  
**A New Civilization Forms**  
  
<http://india.mrdonn.org/aryan.html>  
  
What was the name of the new civilization that formed in the Indus River Valley and where do historians think they migrated from?  
  
Were they a peaceful tribe?  
  
Who was their ruling class and what did they call that class?  
  
**Daily Life**  
  
<http://india.mrdonn.org/aryan-dailylife.html>  
  
What is a gana?  
  
Describe their homes and how they changed over time.  
  
What was the yanga and why was it important?  
  
What was important about dinner time?  
  
What did their diet consist of?  
  
How did the Aryans keep records?  
  
Name two epics that tell us about their ways of life and beliefs?  
  
**The Caste System**  
  
[**http://www.mrdowling.com/612-caste.html**](http://www.mrdowling.com/612-caste.html)  
  
  
  
What is a caste system?  
  
Name the castes in order from the most important to the least important?  
  
What is the dharma?  
  
**Hinduism**  
  
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/religion/hinduism.htm>  
  
Where does the name Hindu come from?  
  
What is the Brahman?  
  
Define the term Atman.  
  
What is reincarnation?  
  
What is Karma?  
  
What is Moksha? How do you reach Moksha?  
  
What is the Vedas?  
  
**Buddhism**  
  
<http://www.uri.org/kids/world_budd_basi.htm>  
  
Who was Siddhartha Gautama and what was he searching for?  
  
What are the Three Universal Truths?  
  
What are the Four Noble Truths?  
  
What is the Eight Fold Path?  
  
**The Mauryan Empire 320 B.C.-184 B.C.**  
  
<http://mocomi.com/maurya-dynasty/>  
  
Who founded this new empire?  
  
How did he manage his large empire?  
  
**Ashoka The Great 270 B.C.-233 B.C.**  
  
<http://mocomi.com/ashoka-the-great/>  
  
Who was Ashoka The Great?  
  
Where did he expand his empire to?  
  
How did the battle of Kalinga change him?  
  
What religion did he spread throughout India?  
  
After Ashoka the new rulers were ineffective. The empire grew weaker and weaker. Eventually, in 184 B.C. the last Mauryan king was killed. India divided into smaller states again. India remained divided for about 500 years.  
  
**Gupta Empire Establish 320AD**  
  
<http://india.mrdonn.org/gupta.html>  
  
Why was it called the golden age?  
  
How was the army set up in the small towns?  
  
What was a typical squad made up of?  
  
**Daily Life In The Gupta Empire**  
  
<http://india.mrdonn.org/gupta-dailylife.html>  
  
Describe their typical home.  
  
Describe how their cities looked.  
  
What was the typical occupation of a Gupta citizen?  
  
Name two accomplishments of Gupta mathematicians or scientists.  
  
Was there an education system?  
  
Describe the three different types of marriages in their society?  
  
What board game did they invent?  
  
The Gupta Empire collapsed in the mid 500’s AD after years of fighting the Huns of Central Asia. The fall of the Gupta Empire divided India into small kingdoms again.  
  
**Ancient India Achievements**  
  
<http://www.thisismyindia.com/ancient_india/achievement-of-ancient-india.html>  
  
Read over some of the accomplishments of the Ancient Indian Civilizations that we studied. Name three that you are interested or fascinated with.