

Ancient India

Chapter Review



BIG IDEAS

1. Early Indian civilizations developed on the Indus River.
2. Hinduism, the largest religion in India today, developed out of ancient Indian beliefs and practices.
3. Buddhism began in India and became a major religion.
4. The Mauryas and the Guptas built great empires in India.
5. The people of ancient India made great contributions to the arts and sciences.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PEOPLE

Using the clues provided, fill in the letter blanks with the correct term.

Use the letters in boxes to find the hidden word.

NSMOOON

1. _____ Seasonal wind patterns that cause wet and dry seasons

CEVINENNOOL

2. _____ Major tenet of Jainist faith, it is the avoidance of violent actions

RCARNOINNEITA

3. _____ Process of rebirth for a soul seeking Brahman

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4. _____ A state of perfect peace

YLOLA

5. _____ A mixture of two or more metals

In your own words, write the definition of each term.

6. inoculation: _____

7. subcontinent: _____

8. fasting: _____

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

1. How did Hinduism develop?

2. Why did the Gupta kings believe the caste system to be an important part of Indian society?

REVIEWING THEMES

Using the lists below, determine what theme from history they have in common.

Themes

geography	politics	economics	technology and innovation	society and culture	religion
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_____ 1. subcontinent, Himalyas, Khyber Pass, Indus Valley

_____ 2. Hinduism, Brahmanism, Vedas, Buddhism, Jainism

_____ 3. Candragupta Maurya, Asoka, Candra Gupta II

_____ 4. Ajanta, Sanskrit, metallurgy, inoculation

REVIEW ACTIVITY: WORD SEARCH

On a separate sheet of paper, create a word search. Use the words below in your puzzle.

alloy	Asoka	astronomy	Buddhism
caste system	fasting	Gupta	Hinduism
Indus	karma	Mauryan	meditation
monsoon	nirvana	reincarnation	