

# India Geography & Early Civilization

## 1. Setting the Stage

- a. Historians know less about the origins and eventual decline of early Indian cultures because the \_\_\_\_\_ of the culture has \_\_\_\_\_ been \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

## 2. The Geography of the Indian Subcontinent

- a. India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh make up the landmass of the Indian \_\_\_\_\_
- b. This region is separated from \_\_\_\_\_ by several \_\_\_\_\_, some of the tallest in the world
- i. \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ River
- i. Farming is only possible in the areas \_\_\_\_\_ by the Indus
- ii. Much of the lower Indus Valley is occupied by the \_\_\_\_\_ Desert
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ River
- i. The Ganges flows from the \_\_\_\_\_ and flows across \_\_\_\_\_ India
- ii. It joins the \_\_\_\_\_ River as it flows into the Bay of \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Together these rivers make up a large area called the \_\_\_\_\_ which was great for agriculture, transportation, and irrigation
- f. Seasonal winds called \_\_\_\_\_ dominate India's climate
- g. Environmental challenges
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ - unpredictable
- ii. The rivers sometimes \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Monsoons brought unpredictable cycles of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ seasons

## 3. Civilization Emerges on the Indus

- a. Historians have yet to \_\_\_\_\_ the Indus system of writing
- b. Still unclear when civilization began but evidence shows that people were using
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ goats and sheep around the year \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.
- d. The Indus Valley civilization is sometimes called the \_\_\_\_\_ because of many archeological discoveries made there
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ was one of their most remarkable achievements

- f. They used a \_\_\_\_\_ unlike Mesopotamia's maze of winding streets
- g. Engineers used an advanced \_\_\_\_\_ that rivaled 19<sup>th</sup> century plumbing
- h. This uniformity suggests that the Indus people had a strong \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Harappan Culture**

- a. Housing separations suggests divisions in society were \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Artifacts of toys and clay pots suggest a relatively \_\_\_\_\_ society
- c. Few items of warfare found suggesting that \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ were very important
- e. Historians believe that Harappan civilization used a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ connection.

**5. Indus Valley Culture Ends**

- a. Evidence found in the 1970s suggests that a shift in tectonic plates may have caused \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and caused the Indus to change course
- b. Some cities survived the disasters but other cities \_\_\_\_\_ were affected
- c. Later a group of people called the \_\_\_\_\_ would sweep into the area and take control

**Constructed Response Questions:**

1. Describe the geography of the Indian Subcontinent:

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2. What is significance about the civilization that developed in the Indus River Valley.

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