

SWBAT- Continue examining  
the growth of civilizations in  
India & China.

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1. “As writing developed, man  
learned to remember less.”

# Ancient India & China

# Ancient India

## Geography

- Himalayas separate India and China
- Hindu Kush Mountains do not provide complete isolation because of mountain passes
- **Monsoons** (seasonal winds that bring rain) drenching the western coast
- **2 River Valleys**
  - Indus
  - Ganges

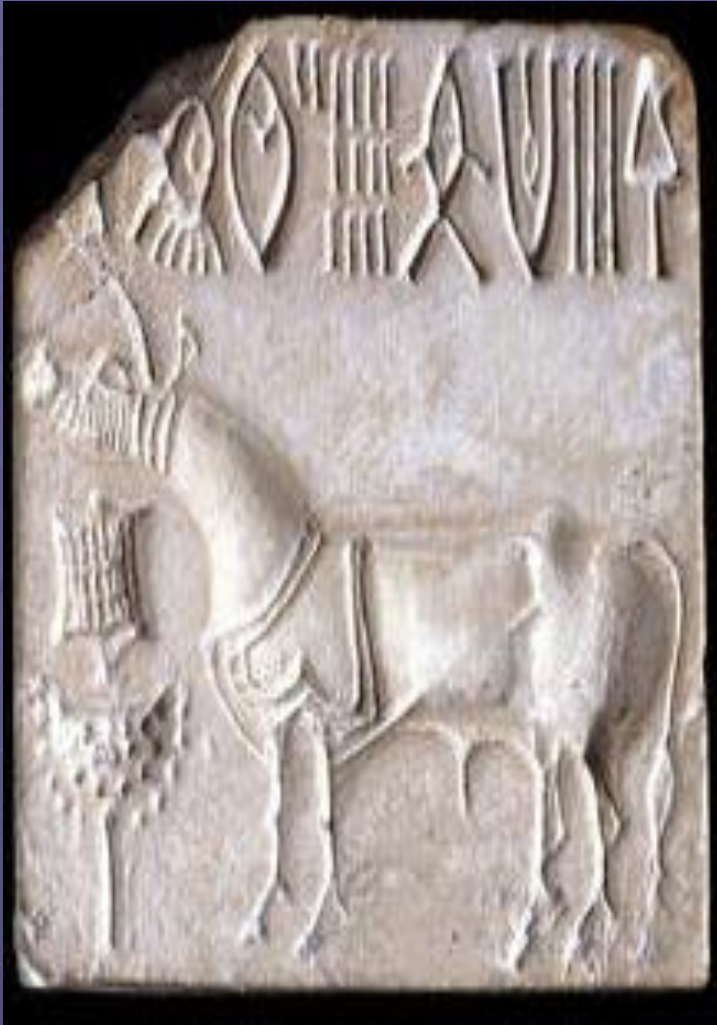


# Ancient India

- While Egyptians were building pyramids, India were planning cities along the **Indus River**
  - Harappa
  - Mohenjo-Daro



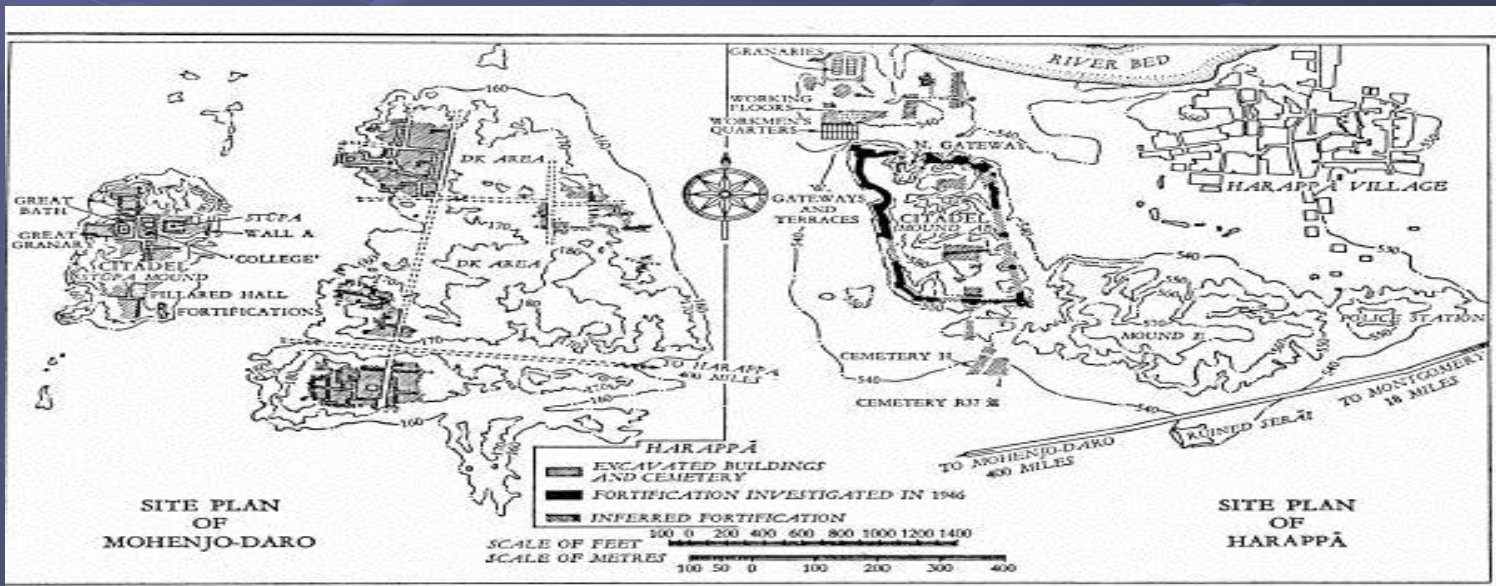
# Ancient India and Sumer



- Both shared the flooding of their rivers
- Both traded with each other around the time of Sargon of Akkad
- Both had polytheistic religions

# Ancient India Cities

- Fortified walls
- Very gridlike layout of cities
- Created by oven-baked bricks
- Plumbing systems rivaling 19<sup>th</sup> century cities



# Ancient India

- Early civilization on the Indus River eventually ended and no one knows why
- Could be a war, but no damage
- River could move, but parts of cities still there
- People could have wore out the land, but no proof

A 3D grid of spheres on a blue background. The spheres are arranged in a regular, repeating pattern that recedes into the distance, creating a sense of depth. The spheres are light blue and have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The background is a solid, medium blue color.

Aryans



# Aryans

- A group of Indo-Europeans called Aryans invaded India by the use of the Khyber Pass
- Destroyer Empire



# Aryans

- Sacred literature is the *Vedas*
  - Bible of the Aryans
  - Originally orally passed down
  - 4 collections of prayers, magical spells, and instructions of rituals
  - *Rig Veda* most important (1028 hymns)



# Aryans start game

## ● Caste System- social class structure

- Determines role in society
- Permanent member of that caste
- Cannot move up from your caste

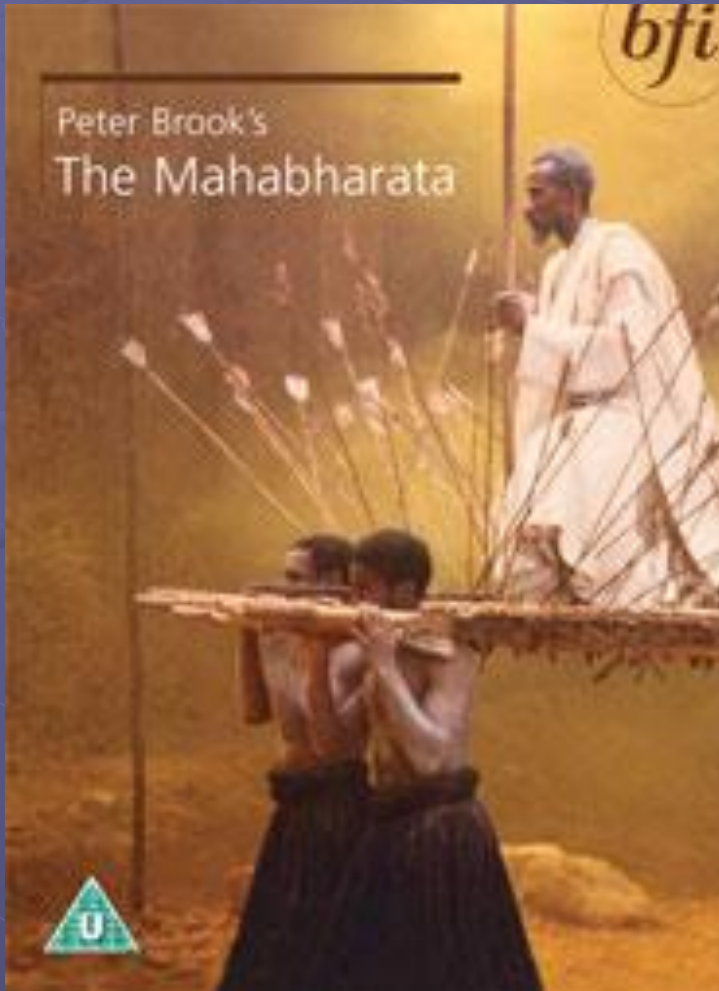
## ● 4 classes

- Top is Priests (**Brahmins**)
- Second is Rulers and Warriors (Kshatriyas)
- Third is Peasants and Traders (Vaishyas)
- Last is Laborers (Shudras)

## ● Untouchables outside of caste

- Their touch would endanger the Hindus (pariah)

# Aryans



## ● Literature

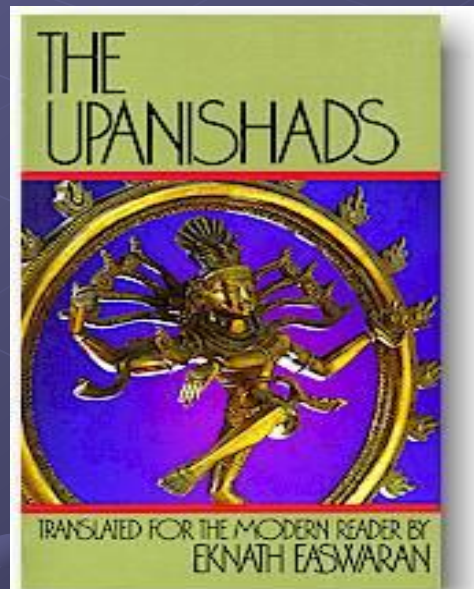
- *Mahabharata*
- Famous hero was Krishna
- 106,000 verses = longest single poem
- Never written down for hundreds of years

**Epics**-moral story

Written in **Sanskrit**

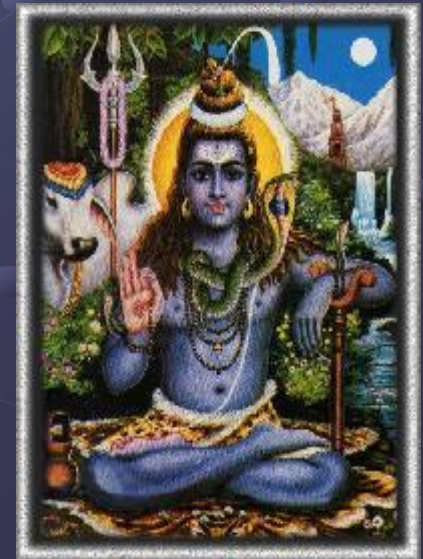
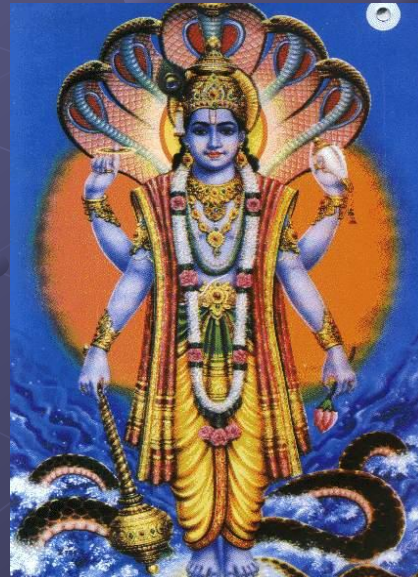
# Aryans Religion

- Hinduism
- Oldest Religion and polytheistic
- Bible is the *Vedas*
- *Upanishads* written later to help explain *Vedas*



# Aryans

- 3 gods and you get to choose which you worship
  - Brahma (creator)
  - Vishnu (protector)
  - Shiva (destroyer)



# Aryans

- Reincarnation or rebirth of the soul



- Karma-total good or bad deeds in your lifetime
- Decides where you go in your next life

# Aryans

- Once you discover the perfect understanding they will be released from life



# Aryans



- Jainism

- Founded by Mahavira

- Everything has a soul and should not be harmed=nonviolence

- Sweep ants off the path and wear masks so not to accidentally swallow insects

- Tolerant of other religions, so not many converts

# Aryans

- **Buddhism**
- Created by Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)
- Prophecy
  - Travel= spiritual leader
  - Do not travel= great king



# Aryans

- Goal-Reach enlightenment (wisdom)
- Know **4 Noble Truths**
  - Everything in life is suffering and sorrow
  - Cause of suffering is people's desire for temporary pleasure
  - Way to end suffering is to end desire
  - To overcome desire follow the Eightfold Path
- Follow the Eightfold Path to reach **Nirvana** (release of selfishness and pain)

# Aryans

- Believed in reincarnation and cycle world
- Women could be Buddhists, but Buddha feared women's presence would distract the men