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5.1 Geography and Early India

1. illustrate the shape of the Indian subcontinent.
2. Contrast the geography of the northeastern part of the subcontinent to that of the northwestern part.
3. Infer why Indian farmers may consider the monsoons both blessing and curse.
4. name the two main cities of the Harappan civilization.
5. List the dates when Harappan civilization thrived.
6. Compare Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro.
7. Explain how social scientist know about Harappan civilization.
8. Distinguish some characteristics of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro.
9. Compare how the Harappans' control of the east and west of the Indus River is similar to Egypt's control of the east and west of the Nile Valley.
10. Identify where the Aryans lived before migrating to India.
11. Contrast Aryan civilization and Harappan civilization.
12. Conclude why the Vedas are so important to historians.
13. Define Sanskrit.
14. Determine why the Aryans memorized their poems and hymns.

5.2 Origins of Hinduism

15. List the four varnas.
16. Identify some of the rules described in the sutras.
17. Explain what could happen to someone who broke caste rules.
18. Describe the Rigveda.
19. State when the Rigveda was written.
20. Contrast the Upanishads to other Vedic texts.
21. State the three major forms of Brahman, according to Hindu beliefs.
22. Discuss what led to the development of Hinduism.
23. Evaluate how believing that the world is merely an illusion may affect one's behavior.
24. Define karma.
25. Analyze whether or not a wealthy Brahmin would want his or her servants to believe in dharma.
26. Select on whose teachings Jainism and Sikhism were based.
27. Contrast Jainism and Hinduism.
28. Summarize why Sikhs carry special objects with them at all times.

5.3 Origins of Buddhism

29. Identify Siddhartha Gautama.
30. Conclude what Siddhartha endured before reaching enlightenment.
31. Assess, of the three things that Siddhartha said caused human suffering, the one that causes the most suffering today.
32. Select the world religion that many of the Buddha's teachings reflect.
33. Define Four Noble Truths.
34. Analyze what advantage the Buddha saw in following the "middle way".
35. Evaluate the Buddha's thoughts on the caste system.
36. Contrast "right thought" with "right action".
37. Determine the people's reaction to the Buddha telling them they did not have to accept the Brahmin's authority.
38. List 12 places to which Buddhism spread.
39. Explain one reason why Buddhism spread quickly.
40. Contrast Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism.

5.4 Indian Empires

41. Identify Chandragupta Maurya.
42. Describe Chandragupta Maurya's government.
43. Analyze how becoming a Buddhist changed Asoka's behavior.
44. Examine what India was like after the fall of the Mauryan Empire.
45. Identify Candra Gupta I and Candra Gupta II.
46. Infer how India may be different today if the Gupta rulers had not taken over.
47. Summarize what led to the decline of the Gupta Empire.

5.5 Indian Achievements

48. State what is unusual about the temple at Arjuna.
49. Explain how Hindu temples changed over time.
50. Identify Kalidasa.
51. Contrast the themes of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana.
52. Compare the Panchatantra to Aesop's fables.
53. List 5 operations that Indian surgeons could perform.
54. Conclude how metallurgy and alloys are related.
55. Evaluate why the concept of zero was so important.
56. List 4 Indian achievements in astronomy.
57. Analyze how Indians became expert astronomers without the use of telescopes.