

## Harappan Civilization

- **Indus River Valley**
- Planned Cities
  - Harappa
  - Mohenjo-Daro
- Declined due to Natural Disaster



## Aryans

- Indo-Europeans
- Migrate through Khyber Pass of Hindu Kush Mountains
- Dominate native Dravidians
- Introduce:
  - Caste System
  - Vedas (Holy Books)
  - Sanskrit (language)

## Geography

- Indian Subcontinent
  - Isolated by Mountains
    - Hindu Kush in West
    - Himalayas in East
- River Systems
  - Indus & Ganges
- Monsoons
  - Seasonal Winds bring rains

## Hinduism

- Aryan influences
- Caste System
- Belief in Reincarnation
  - Role of Karma
- Holy Books
  - Vedas
    - Brought by Aryans
  - Upanishads
- Spread along trade routes to other parts of Asia
- Dominant religion of India today



## Ancient River Valley Civilizations

### India

## Buddhism

- Siddhartha Gautama
- Founded in area of present-day Nepal
- Four Noble Truths
- Eight-fold Path
- Emperor Asoka
  - Converts & Spreads through Missionaries



## Mauryan Empire

- Politically unifies India
- Greatest leader – **Asoka**
- Spread of Buddhism
- Free Hospitals

## Gupta Empire

- **“Golden Age”**
- Mathematics
  - Zero
  - Decimals
- Medical Advances
  - Set bones
- Literature
  - *Mahabharata*
  - *Ramayana*