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India's First Empires: The Mauryan and Gupta Empires

Pgs 189-197 (Blue McDougall Littell Textbook)

The Mauryan Empire is Established

Who was Chandragupta's most trusted advisor? _____

How did Chandragupta Maurya organize his government?

Primary Source A (Page 190): What information in this quotation indicates that Mauryan India valued agriculture?

What happened that caused Asoka to convert to Buddhism?

How did Buddhism impact Asoka's government policies?

A Period of Turmoil

Geography Skill Builder (Page 191)

1) Compare the region occupied by the Gupta Empire to that occupied by the Mauryan Empire. Discuss size, location and physical characteristics.

2) Why did neither the Mauryan nor the Gupta Empire expand to the Northeast.

The Gupta Empire is Established

Explain how Chandra Gupta came to power and then expanded his empire.

What does it mean for Indian society to be PATRIARCHAL?

How did Chandra Gupta II strengthen his empire?

Trade Spreads Indian Religions and Culture

Buddhism and Hinduism Change

What did people need to do in order to achieve Nirvana?

What are the 2 major sections of Buddhism? _____ and _____.

Who were the 3 most important Hindu Gods?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Why did the changes in Buddhism and Hinduism make these religions more popular?

Achievements of Indian Culture

Who was Kalidasa?

Name 3 intellectual accomplishments (Astronomy, Mathematics and Medicine) in India:

1)

2)

3)

The Spread of Indian Trade

What precious resources does India have?

What was the Silk Road?

What bodies of water did Indian sea traders use?

Identify 3 impacts of Indian trade:

1)

2)

3)