

Guided Reading Activity



India's First Empires

Lesson 3 *The Mauryans and the Guptas*

Review Questions

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Three New Empires

A. After 400 B.C. India faced threats from the _____, who extended their empire into western India, and then from the _____ and Macedonians under the leadership of _____.

B. The Mauryan Empire's greatest ruler, _____, expanded _____ and used _____ ideals to rule.

C. After the collapse of the Mauryan Empire, nomadic warriors seized power and established the new _____ kingdom, which prospered though trade along the _____.

D. The _____ actively engaged in mining and trade and welcomed religious _____ until invasions by nomadic _____ weakened their empire.

II. Indian Accomplishments

A. The _____ accomplishments of India include lasting achievements in oral and written _____, stone _____, and science and mathematics.

B. India's literature includes religious chants and stories from the _____, epics such as the *Mahabharata* and the _____, and poems such as Kālidāsa's _____.

C. Stone _____ from Aśoka's reign mark sites important to the Buddha's life, while _____ house Buddhist relics and _____ house monks and are used for ceremonies.

D. Indian mathematicians invented the Indian Arabic _____ system, introduced the concept of and symbol for _____, and were the first scientists known to have used _____.

