

Concepts for Chapter 6 Test
Ancient India

These are the concepts that you need to be very familiar with for the Chapter 6 Test. It would be very wise of you to read through the sections, write down notes, make index cards, etc. for the concepts and ideas listed. However much you study is completely up to you. Use your textbook and your Comp Bk notes for help.

People/Groups/Empires/Gods

- Mahavira
- Siddhartha Gautama—who was he? What did he do?
- Know these Indian gods: Brahman, Siva (Shiva), Krishna
- Ashoka—who was he? How is he connected to Buddhism? What did he do during his rule?
- Aryans—explain who they were and what they did
- Chandra Gupta—who was he?

Random Facts/Info/Key Terms

- Possible reasons for the decline of the Indus Valley
- What are 3 items the Gupta Empire's trade thrived on?
- Define-Indian subcontinent
- Explain how most Indus Valley people lived
- Know the 3 most important rivers in India
- How long did small warring states fight for control of India?
- Who finally came to power after the Mauryans?
- After Buddha's death, Buddhists divided into which 2 groups?
- What were most homes made of in the Indus Valley?
- _____ is one of the world's oldest religions.
- Mahayana spread where?
- Know this about Hindu epics: Hindu epics taught correct and acceptable behavior through interesting stories
- Know: Caste system—order of pyramid and who goes in each caste
- Describe the Mauryan Empire government (meaning-was it chaotic, non-existent, well-run, etc.)
- According to Buddha, what did a person have to do to find truth and end all suffering?
- What are: Bhagavad Gita, Mahabharata?
- Explain the benefits of the invention of the number "0"
- Define-stupa
- Explain who pilgrims were (in regard to Indian history). Where did they travel to? How did they get there?
- Define-dharma
- Define-karma
- Know: Which Indian faith's followers do not believe in a supreme ruler and emphasizes non-violence?
- Know: Which Indian faith follow *The Four Noble Truths* and *The Eightfold Path*
- Define-reincarnation