

**UNIT 1: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS**  
**Reading Guide 6: Ancient Indian Civilization**

**2.3: Planned Cities on the Indus**

• **Objective A: Describe the impact of geography on the Indus Valley culture.**

1. Geographers refer to \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
 as the Indian subcontinent.

2. Label the following on the map:

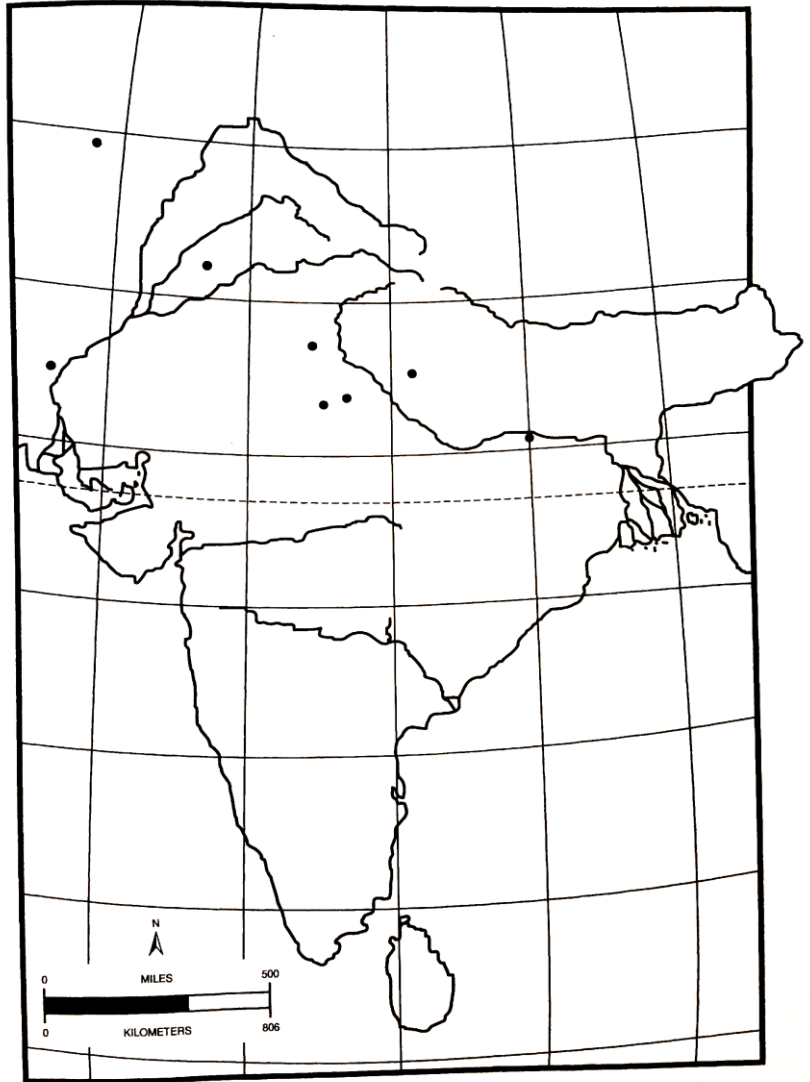
- a. *Arabian Sea*
- b. *Bay of Bengal*
- c. Deccan Plateau
- d. *Ganges River*
- e. Harappa
- f. HIMALAYAS
- g. HINDU KUSH
- h. *Indus River*
- i. Mohenjo-Daro

3. The Indo-Gangetic Plain is watered by the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 rivers.

4. Seasonal winds called \_\_\_\_\_  
 dominate India's climate.

5. Describe the environmental challenges of this  
 region:

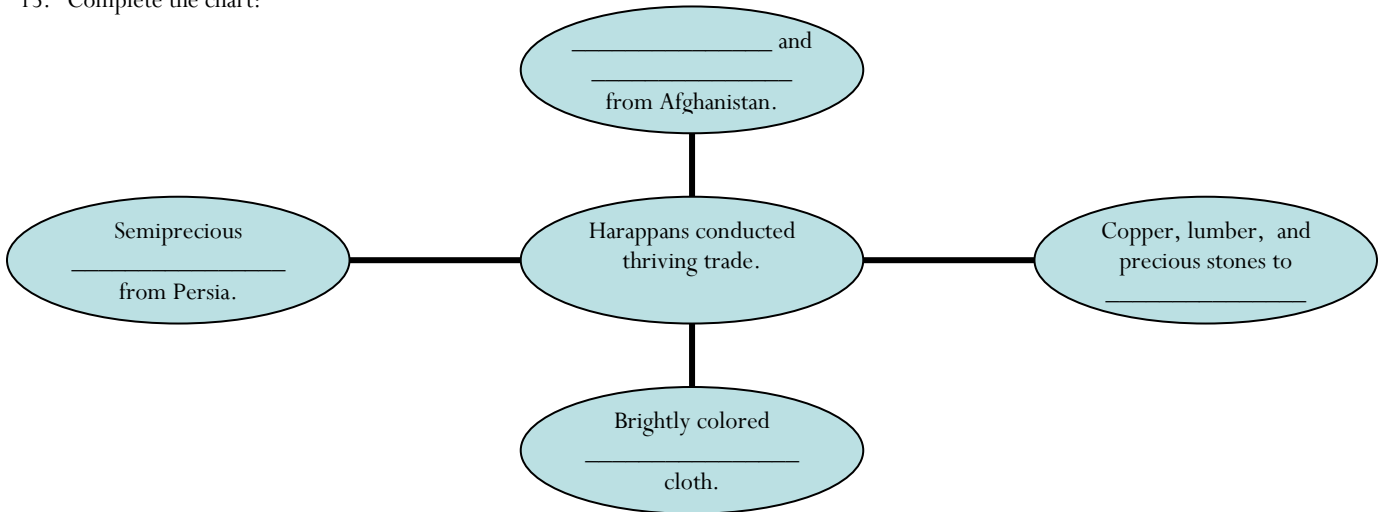
- a. Yearly \_\_\_\_\_ spread  
 rich soil. However, floods along the  
 Indus were \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Rivers sometimes ...
- c. With too little rain, plants withered  
 and people went \_\_\_\_\_.  
 With too much rain, floods ...



• **Objective B: Describe Indus Valley cities and culture.**

- 6. By about \_\_\_\_\_ BC, people were farming in villages along the Indus River.
- 7. Indus Valley civilization is sometimes called \_\_\_\_\_ civilization.
- 8. One of the most remarkable achievements of the Indus Valley people was their sophisticated \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. Cities were laid out on a precise \_\_\_\_\_ system. Cities featured a fortified area called a \_\_\_\_\_. Early engineers also created sophisticated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ systems.
- 10. In Mohenjo-Daro, almost every house had a private \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11. In contrast to cuneiform and hieroglyphics, the Harappan language been ...
- 12. Archeologists think the culture was a \_\_\_\_\_. Religious artifacts reveal links to modern \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

13. Complete the chart:



• **Objective C: List theories about the decline of the Indus Valley civilization.**

14. What probably destroyed Indus Valley civilization?

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ swept into the Indus Valley around 1500 BC.

**3.2: Hinduism and Buddhism Develop**

• **Objective A: Describe the origins, beliefs, and development of Hinduism.**

16. Hinduism is ...

17. Hinduism – unlike religions such as Buddhism, Christianity, or Islam – cannot ...

18. Hindus see religion as a way of ...

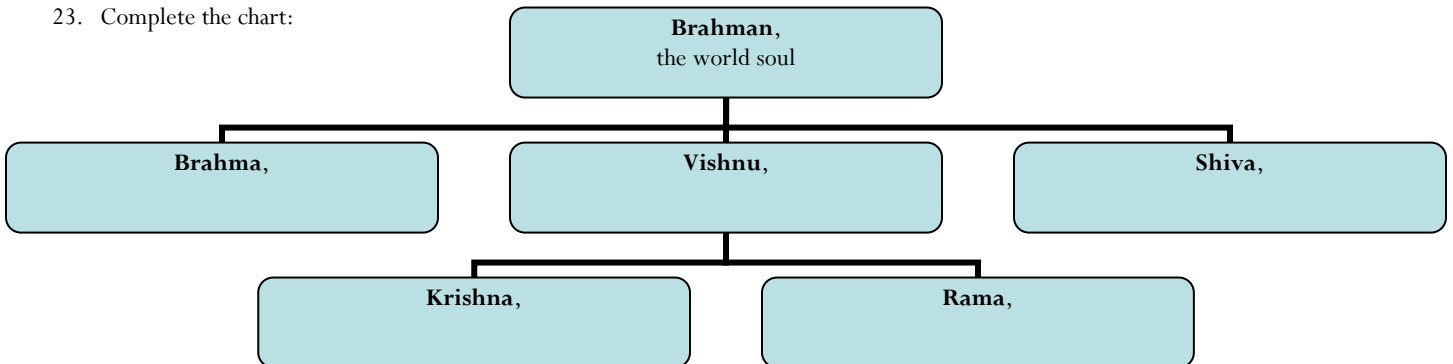
19. The Upanishads explore how a person can ...

20. Define *moksha*:

21. Define *reincarnation*:

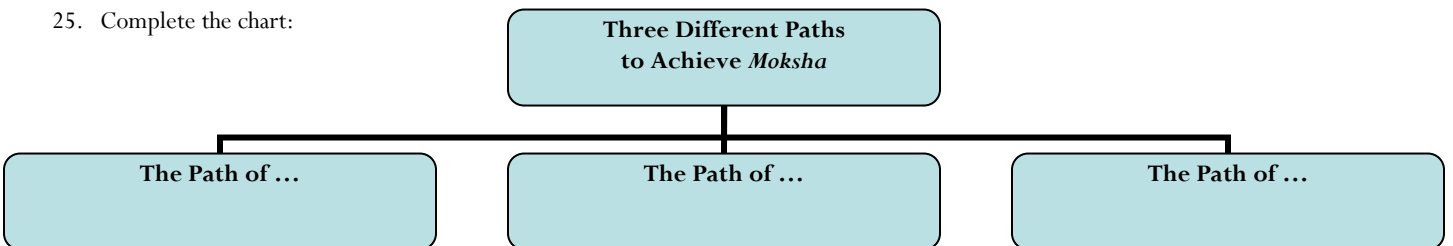
22. Define *karma*:

23. Complete the chart:



24. Hindus today are free to ...

25. Complete the chart:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Good karma brought \_\_\_\_\_ and bad karma resulted in \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Mahavira was the founder of \_\_\_\_\_ and believed that everything in the universe has a \_\_\_\_\_ and so should not be \_\_\_\_\_.

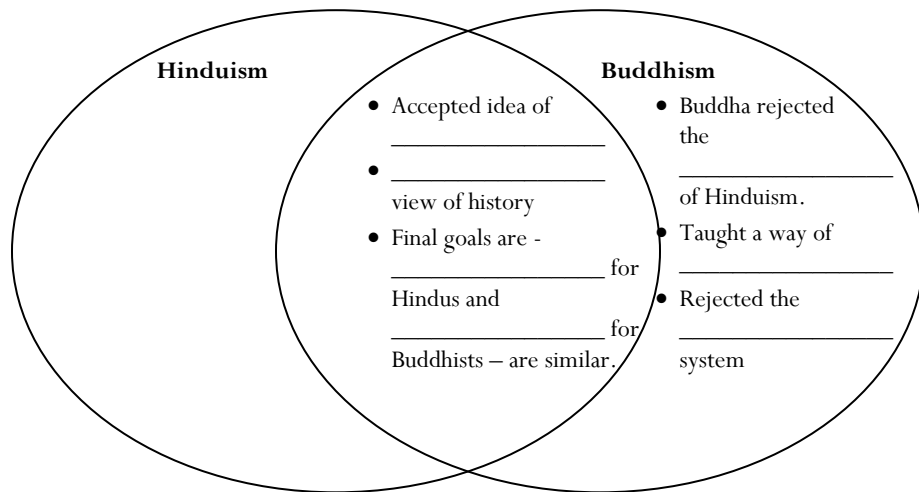
• **Objective B: Explain the origins, beliefs, and practices of Buddhism.**

28. The founder of Buddhism, \_\_\_\_\_, was born into a \_\_\_\_\_ family.
29. His father \_\_\_\_\_ him in his palace.
30. During his trips out of the palace, Siddhartha saw a) an \_\_\_\_\_ man , b) a \_\_\_\_\_ man, c) a \_\_\_\_\_, and finally d) a wandering \_\_\_\_\_ man who seemed \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Siddhartha decided to spend his life searching for ...
32. Siddhartha spent six years seeking \_\_\_\_\_.
33. After 49 days of \_\_\_\_\_, he achieved an understanding of ...
34. Buddha means “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
35. Complete the chart:

**The Four Noble Truths**

<b>First Noble Truth</b>	Life is ...
<b>Second Noble Truth</b>	The cause of all suffering is ...
<b>Third Noble Truth</b>	The way to end all suffering is ...
<b>Fourth Noble Truth</b>	The way to overcome such desires and attain enlightenment is ...

36. Mastery of the Eightfold Path would occur ...
37. By following the Eightfold Path anyone could reach \_\_\_\_\_.
38. Complete the Venn diagram:



39. Monks and nuns took vows to

- a.
- b.
- c.

40. During the centuries following the Buddha's death, missionaries were able to spread his faith over large parts of \_\_\_\_\_ but Buddhism never gained a significant foothold in \_\_\_\_\_.

41. Why did Hindus feel no need to convert to Buddhism?

42. Complete the chart:

