Outline notes

Cities of the Indus people valley

I. Indus first civilization was at the Indus valley about 2600 B.C.

  1. Flourished for 700 years

  2. Civilization that covered the largest area of any in ancient times

  3. Two main cities Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa

  4. Laid out in a grid pattern with blocks larger than modern city blocks.

  5. Houses had a complex plumbing system, baths, drains, and water chutes

  6. Most were farmers; priest-kings mad sure had enough grain

  7. 1750 B.C. life was declining

  8. 1750 B.C. many cities were abandoned

II. As people left

  1. Herding horses and cattle migrated from central Asia to northern India

  2. Spoke indo-european language like english

  3. Intermarried

  4. Called themselves Aryans

  5. Went to the Ganges river basin

  6. 500 B.C. new civilization emerged rival kingdoms

  7.Vedas is a collection of prayers

III.Society

  1.Ranked highest to lowest priest; warriors; herder, farmers, artisans, and merchants; farm workers, servants, and laborers; and dalits are jobs no one wanted.

  2. Developed into castes - social groups people are born into.

IV. Religious beliefs

  1.Aryans were polytheistic believed in many gods

  2.Brahman believed it lived in all things

  3.Mystics seeking spiritual truth

V. Early civilizations in China

  1.Long distance and physical barriers separate China from Egypt

  2. Chinese people believed that China is the middle kingdom

VI.Geography

  1.Barriers that blocked China - high mountains, brutal deserts, thick jungles, and the Pacific ocean

  2. Huang He valley where  Neolithic people learned to farm.

VII. The Shang and Zhou Dynasties

  1. Shang came to power about 1650 B.C.

  2.In 1027 B.C. the Zhou overthrew Shang.

  3. Dynasty is a ruling family

  4.Mandate of heaven dynasty fell

  5.Dynastic cycle - rise and fall of dynasties

VIII.Religion

  1.Prayed to many gods and nature spirits

  2. Yin and Yang universe balanced by two forces

  3. Yin was linked to earth and female forces

  4. Yang stood for Heaven and male forces

VIIII.Science and technology

  1.recorded movements of planets, recorded eclipse, and created an accurate calendar.

  2.Zohu dynasty made the book

  3. 256 B.C. china was large, wealthy, and highly developed center of civilization