#### Harappan Civilization

- Indus River Valley
- Planned Cities
  - o Harappa
  - Mohenjo-Daro
- Declined due to Natural

Disaster



### **Aryans**

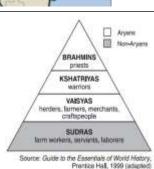
- Indo-Europeans
- Migrate through Khyber Pass of Hindu Kush Mountains
- Dominate native Dravidians
- Introduce:
  - Caste System
  - Vedas (Holy Books)
  - o Sanskrit (language)

## Geography

- Indian Subcontinent
  - Isolated by Mountains
    - Hindu Kush in West
    - Himalayas in East
- River Systems
  - o Indus & Ganges
- Monsoons
  - o Seasonal Winds bring rains

### Hinduism

- Aryan influences
- Caste System
- Belief in Reincarnation
  - Role of Karma
- Holy Books
  - Vedas
    - Brought by Aryans
  - o Upanishads
- Spread along trade routes to other parts of Asia
- Dominant religion of India today



# Ancient River Valley Civilizations

India

### Buddhism

- Siddhartha Gautama
- Founded in area of present-day Nepal
- Four Noble Truths
- Eight-fold Path
- Emperor Asoka
  - Converts & Spreads through Missionaries



### Mauryan Empire

- Politically unifies India
- Greatest leader
  - Asoka
- Spread of Buddhism
- Free Hospitals

### Gupta Empire

- "Golden Age"
- Mathematics
  - o Zero
  - Decimals
- Medical Advances
  - Set bones
- Literature
  - Mahabharata
  - o Ramayana