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Monhenjo Daro & The Indus Civilization

Directions: Go to <https://theancientinstitute.wordpress.com>. At the top click on Ancient India Links. Scroll down to the Indus River Valley Civilization and click on Mohenjo-Daro.

Directions: To begin click on **"Who Were the Indus People"**

A. When was the Indus Civilization

The Indus River civilization existed _____ years ago in the modern countries of _____ and northern _____.

The largest Indus cities were named _____ and _____.

B. Where was the Indus Valley

1. The Indus Valley was located along the _____ River that begins in the _____ mountains and ends at the _____ Sea.

2. Give three reasons why the people choose to live in a river valley?

C. Cities of the Indus Valley

Directions: Click on the city's name to learn more about the city

1. Mohenjo-Daro

- How was the city of Mohenjo-Daro laid out like a modern city?
- How did the areas of the city reflect the social class system?
- What building material did Indus people use?

D. Why was the Indus Valley a Peaceful Place

1. Give two pieces of evidence that archaeologists use to prove that the Indus Valley was mostly a peaceful place.

E. Town Planning.

- Based upon the bolded introductory words, draw how the streets of Indus cities were laid out.
- Why did the Indus build the streets of their cities so wide?
- Why did Indus cities grow higher and higher over time?

What was Everyday Life Like in the Indus Valley

Directions: Now click on the orange box entitled "What was everyday life like in the Indus Valley"

A. What Were Indus Homes Like

1. Why did most Indus people have a very short commute to work?
2. Why did people spend more time on the roof than inside their homes?

B. What was Life Like

Directions: Click around the picture to find the answers.

1. Keeping Clean

- a. What were Indus showers like?
- b. Where did the dirty water from homes go?

2. Eating & Drinking: How do archaeologists figure out what ancient people ate?

3. Pets

- a. How did archaeologists figure out what animals the Indus people kept as pets?
- b. Give some examples of pets that Indus people had.

4. Toys & Games: Give three examples of Indus toys that we still use today

C. What Jobs Did People Do

Directions: Click around the picture to find the answers.

1. Farmer: How was farming in the Indus Valley similar to farming in Egypt and Mesopotamia?

2. Craft Worker

- a. What was a quern used for?
- b. How did ancient people make clothes?

3. Builder: How did ancient people make bricks hard and resistant to weather?

D. How did the Indus People Use Money

1. With no money, how did the Indus people trade?
2. How did the Indus people use seals?

What Can We Learn from Indus Valley Artifacts

Directions: Click on the orange box entitled "What can we learn from Indus Valley Artifacts"

A. What was Left Behind: How are the archaeological remains of the Indus Civilization different from the archaeological remains in Egypt and Mesopotamia?

B. What Can We Learn from Indus Valley Writing: Why is learning about the Indus people from their writing extremely difficult?

C. What Was Found at Mohenjo-Daro

Directions: Watch the short video to answer the question: State two things that archaeologists learned about the Indus civilization from the statue of the priest-king.

D. What Do Artifacts Tell Us About Religion

1. Why did Indus people pray to a mother goddess?
2. Why did the Indus people and modern Hindus bathe as part of their religion?

E. What Can We Learn From Burial Sites: State two things that archaeologist have learned about Indus people by examining their burial sites.

What Happened to the Indus Civilization

Directions: Click on the orange box entitled "What happened to the Indus Civilization"

A. When Did the Indus Civilization End:

1. The Indus Civilization lasted for about _____ years.
2. How did the way in which Indus cities were built lead to the abandoning of Indus cities?

B. Did Trade Stop: How did the end of trade lead to the abandoning of Indus cities?

C. Was There a War: What evidence do archaeologists use to show that invasion was not a cause of the end of the Indus Civilization?

D. Did the River Move

1. How would a change in the river have affected farming?
2. How did repeated flooding affect farming? Be specific.
3. What forced the Indus people to abandon their cities?

E. Have Part of Indus Culture Survived

A. Religion: Give two examples of how the Indus religion influenced modern Hinduism.

B. Peaceful Cities: How did the Indus keep their cities safe and clean?

C. Games: Identify two ways in which modern games were influenced by Indus games.