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**The First Empires of India**

*Mauryas*

*Asoka*

*Buddhism*

Setting the Stage

* 1. By 600 BCE, almost **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, many small kingdoms were scattered throughout India
* 2. In 326 BCE, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** brought the Indus Valley under Greek control
* 3. After Alexander left India, a great Indian military leader, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seized power for himself

Chandragupta Maurya Builds an Empire

* Most likely **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (by the Ganges River)
* The kingdom had been ruled for centuries by the Nanda family
* Chandragupta gathered an army and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and then claimed the throne
* This begun the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Chandragupta Unifies North India

* Chandra  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from Magadha to Indus
* Chandra began to fight against **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(one of Alexander the Great’s successors) and won after several years
* By 303 BCE, the Mauryan Empire stretched more than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles**
* Chandra  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Chandra’s government had to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Running the Empire

* Chandra relied on his advisor, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Kautilya wrote a rule book, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, that taught how to hold a vast empire together
* Chandra created a highly **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, with elected officials
* Chandra **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with individual princes

City Life and Country Life

* Seleucus sent an ambassador to Chandra’s capital
* In the ambassador’s letter he **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** as:
	+ Gold covered pillars
	+ Numerous fountains
	+ Thrones
	+ Farmers are exempt from military service
	+ You either serve in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Chandra’s son ruled for 32 years, and then his grandson, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** took over and brought the empire to its greatest height

Asoka Promotes Buddhism

* He waged war to expand his empire
* After his bloody war against Kalinga, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?”**
* He **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and the non-violence teaching
* Buddhism became the state religious c. 260 BCE
	+ Sent **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** throughout Asia to spread the religion
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**= acceptance of people who held different beliefs- and acceptance of people of all cultural backgrounds
	+ Legacy
		- Had many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ placed throughout his kingdom
		- Wrote \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and descriptions of proper behavior on pillars along roadsides throughout India.
		- Vegetarian- anti-hunting for sport
* Asoka promoted
	+ Nonviolence
	+ Tolerance of all opinions
	+ Obedience to parents
	+ Respect for the religious teachers and priests
	+ Liberality towards friends, humane treatment of servants
	+ Generosity towards all
* As noble as Asoka’s policies of toleration and nonviolence were, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** once Asoka was gone (When he died, the empire began to break up)
* **Asoka’s Advancements:**
	+ Extensive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ build so he could visit his whole kingdom
	+ Roads improved communication throughout the vast empire
	+ Planted trees along the road for people to rest under the shade
	+ Dug wells along roads
	+ What did this show? Asoka’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A Period of Turmoil

* Asoka’s death left a power vacuum that was felt throughout the whole subcontinent
* The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) arose and dominated the region for hundreds of years
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ India felt a flood of new people fleeing from political instability in other regions of Asia
	+ For 500 years, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poured through the pass into northern India
	+ These invaders, disrupted Indian society
	+ Invaders introduced new languages and customs
* In the South, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language and people ruled