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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