

Indus Valley GRAPES Review **ANSWER KEY**

Directions: Fill in this organizer as we review the information in class.

GRAPES	Info and Notes from Indus Valley
Geography	<p>Indus River--1st cities (Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro) developed on this river; it is in present-day Pakistan Ganges River--both rivers flooded and left silt/fertile soil for farming</p> <p>Hindu Kush mountain range in the northwest; Himalayan mountain range in the northeast</p> <p>Monsoons (seasonal winds that bring very rainy or very dry weather) impact India each year by bringing flooding or droughts</p> <p>India is a subcontinent and is a peninsula; it is part of the continent of Asia</p>
Religions	<p>Hinduism--world's oldest religion; there is no founder; Vedas is one of their holy books; believe in karma and reincarnation; use meditation</p> <p>Buddhism--founder is Siddhartha Gautama, who was a rich Hindu prince before seeking enlightenment and becoming Buddha; they believe in the 4 Noble Truths and the 8-Fold Path</p> <p>Islam--Mohammad is founder; holy book in Quran; god is Allah</p>
Achievements	<p>Math--discovered numerals 0 to 9 and the decimal system</p> <p>Science--discovered the Earth rotates; created medicines to treat sickness; developed surgeries</p> <p>Had amazing metal-working skills and created clay seals</p> <p>Cities built in grid-like patterns; developed sewer systems</p>
Political Structures	<p>Probably not ruled by king because there is no evidence of statues or royal tombs</p>
Economics	<p>Traded jewels, teak (wood), cotton woven cloths</p> <p>Probably traded with Sumer in Mesopotamia</p>
Social Structures	<p>Caste System came from Aryans--it came from Hinduism</p> <p>Brahmins--top of caste system--priests and teachers Kshatriyas--2nd from top--warriors and rulers Vaishyas--middle--farmers, traders, merchants Shudras--laborers Dalits--outcasts--"untouchables"--street sweepers, latrine/sewer cleaners</p> <p>Very strict; could not associate with people in a different caste</p>