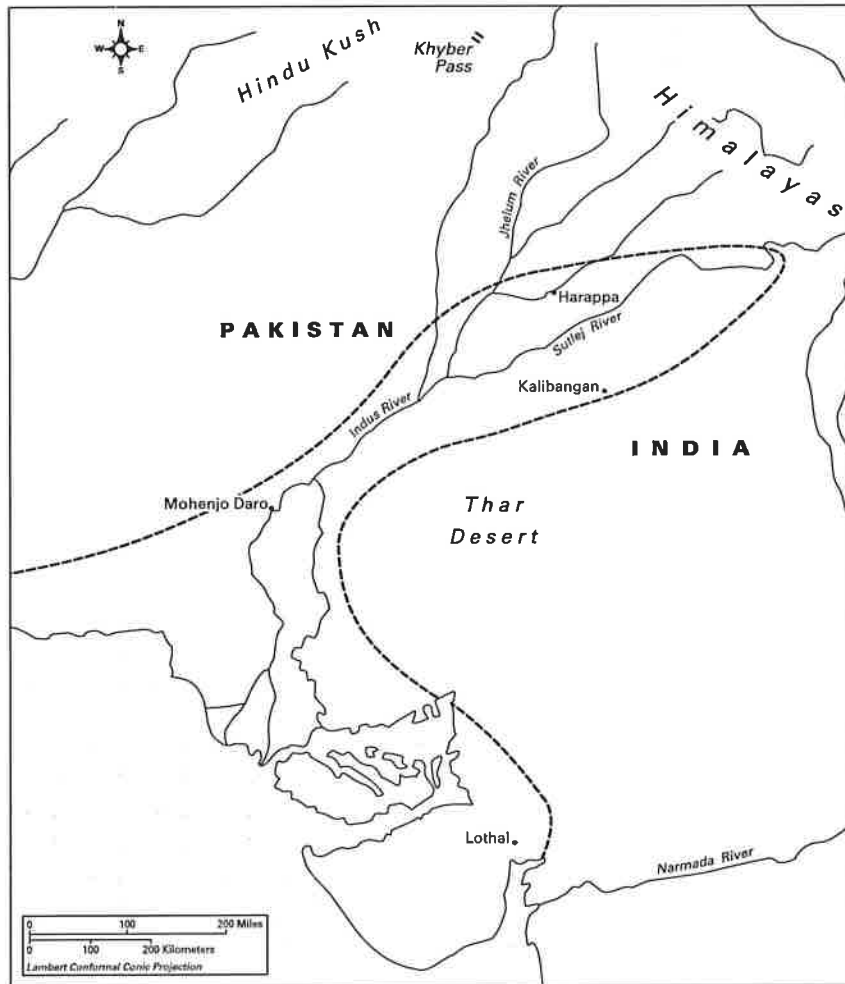


**Ancient India**

**History and Geography**

# The Indus River Valley

Harappan civilization began to develop in India in the Indus River Valley in what is now Pakistan and western India. One of the largest cities in the region was Mohenjo Daro. Ruins of this ancient city show that high brick walls surrounded the city in order to defend it against floods and hostile neighbors. The city was built according to a grid system. Its brick streets crossed at right angles and were lined with storehouses, shops, and homes.



**MAP ACTIVITY**

1. Use a light color to highlight the Indus River Valley.
2. What sea is located south of the Indus River valley? Label it on the map.

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3. What river runs near Harappa? What other river joins that river just west of Harappa? Label both rivers on the map.
4. Update the map's legend to reflect your changes and colors.

**ANALYZING MAPS**

**1. Movement** If you lived Harappa, what is the number of miles you would have to travel to get to Mohenjo Daro?

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**2. Location** In what modern-day countries is the Indus River Valley located?

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**3. Location** What reasons might the people of Mohenjo Daro have had for constructing high walls around the city?

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**4. Place** How might the location of both Harappa and Mohenjo Daro led to their end?

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**EXTENSION ACTIVITY**

Imagine that you are an ancient engineer and you have been given the task of designing a new city somewhere in the Indus River Valley. Where would you place your city? What would it look like? How would you build it to protect it from invaders and natural disasters such as floods? What would you name it? Draw your new city on a large sheet of paper.