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## Ancient India Study Guide

1. Why would a civilization settle next to a mountain range?

Natural barriers keep them safe from invaders.

2. Why would a civilization settle next to water?

Fresh water + fertile soil for farming

3. Define Sanskrit: ancient Aryan language - Holy book: Vedas written in Sanskrit.

4. True or False, if false correct this sentence. The Persian empire brought Sanskrit with them when they conquered all of India. Aryan

5. Define subcontinent: large landmass separated by water or mountains

6. List the three ways in which a subcontinent is classified.

- A. large area of land C. Many diverse  
B. separated from rest of continent landforms

7. Define monsoon: wind patterns that cause wet and dry seasons.

8. How can a monsoon benefit a civilization?

Rains replenish the soil after a drought.

9. Why were elephants used in war? They are larger, intimidating + can protect you

10. True or false, if false please correct. Alexander the Great was influential in Chandragupta Maurya's return and conquering over India.

11. Which ancient Indian empire is known as the golden age? Gupta

12. Why did the Harappan civilization build a sewer system?

To keep the city clean + prevent illnesses.

13. True or False, if false please correct. The ~~Gupta~~ empire brought the use of scales into the empire to make trade fair. Harappan

14. What is the purpose of Ashoka's columns?

To spread news + tolerance throughout empire.

15. True or False, if false please correct. The Persian empire created roads throughout India to help their empire benefit from trading with other civilizations.

True

16. Which leader of the Ancient Indian civilizations is best known for being a humanitarian?

- A. Darius the II
- B. Ashoka

- C. Cyrus the Great
- D. Chandragupta Maurya