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INDIA

Geography

- 1.) The Himalaya Mountains, Hindu Kush Mountains, and Indian Ocean protected India from outside invasion
- 2.) Mountain passes in the Hindu Kush allowed the Indo-Aryans to invade the Indian subcontinent.
- 3.) The Indus and Ganges Rivers were very important to the early Indian civilization.

Indo-Aryans

- 1.) Aggressive migrators who first started the Indian civilization in the Indus River valley.
- 2.) Set up a very rigid caste system based on occupation. The caste system influenced Indian society greatly.

Gupta Empire

- 1.) Highest point of achievement in India's history. Called "Golden Age of Classical India."
- 2.) Made significant contributions in math, new textiles, and literature.