

Ancient India

Goals & Objectives

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Describe what caused the floods on the Indus River and what the results of those floods were.
- Understand geographical terms such as subcontinent, monsoons, and mountain range.
- Explain how Aryan civilization differed from Harappan civilization.
- Define the caste system in Indian society and how one's caste was determined.
- Understand the development and core beliefs of Hinduism, including reincarnation, the caste system, karma, and Vedic texts.
- Describe the four main teachings of Jainism.
- Understand the four noble truths of Buddhism and the Buddhist explanation of human suffering.
- Analyze how Buddhism challenged Hinduism and how it grew and changed after the Buddha died.
- Compare the Mauryan and Guptan Empires and the role religion played in each.
- Understand the religious art, literature, and scientific achievements of ancient Indian society.