

Chapter 4: Early Societies in South Asia

After reading Chapter 4, you will be able to:

Identify both the geographical origin of and the characteristics of a complex society in India (and Pakistan)

Explain the influence of the Vedic migrations on Dravidian culture

Understand early religious beliefs of India and compare those beliefs with other religions

Explain how Vedic texts were used to create Hinduism, as Sumerian texts were used by Hebrews to create the Old Testament

On provided map, locate the following places:

Indus River

Himalaya Mountains

Arabian Sea

Mohenjo-daro

Mediterranean Sea

Egypt

Sumer

Ganges River

Hindu Kush Mountains

Bay of Bengal

Harappa

Red Sea

Persia

Persian Gulf

As you read Chapter 4, take notes on the following terms:

Aryans

Semi-precious stones

Ecological degradation

Republic

Varna

Jati

Social mobility

Ritual sacrifices

Upanishads

samsara

moksha

Hinduism

Harappans

Sewage systems

Vedas, *Rig Veda*, Vedic Age

Upanishads

Sources from the Past: The *Rig Veda* on the Origin of the Castes

Administrators

Caste

Brahmins

Sources from the Past: The *Mundaka*

Upanishad on the Nature of Brahman

Sati (suttee)

Dravidians

Brahman

Karma

Ascetic, asceticism