

## Chapter 3.4 Reading Notes: India

### Unit Vocabulary

1. **Archeological:** the scientific study of material remains (as fossil relics, artifacts, and monuments) of past human life and activities.
2. **Indus River Valley:** an ancient civilization located in what is **Pakistan** and northwest India today, on the fertile floodplain of the Indus River and its vicinity.
3. **Harrapa:** One of the major cities of ancient Indus River Valley.
4. **Mohenjo-Daro:** One of the major cities of ancient Indus River Valley.
5. **Stone Seals:** A stone device used for making an impression in clay. They have been found with ancient Indus symbols that have not yet been deciphered.
6. **Decipher:** to translate from code, or figure out the meaning.
7. **Natural Disaster:** a natural event such as a flood, earthquake, or hurricane that causes great damage or loss of life.
8. **Aryans:** is the name that was formerly given to a people who were thought to have settled in prehistoric times in ancient Iran and the northern Indian subcontinent.
9. **Indigenous:** originating in a particular place.

### Vocabulary Practice

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### Reading Guide

1. Why do we know the least amount of information about the Indus River Valley civilization?
2. In what years were the two cities of Harrapa and Mohenjo-Daro discovered?
3. What evidence has been found to support the theory that these ancient cities must of had a governing body?



9. What is unique about the Indus River valley civilization's religion when being compared to Egypt and Mesopotamia?

10. List two theories that explain what happened to the ancient Indus river valley people?

11. Could the environment have affected the ancient Indus valley? Give two ways that the environment could have destroyed the ancient cities.

**Conclusion:**

Which do you feel is greater: the impact of the environment on the ancient Indus River Valley people or did the people of Ancient Indus have the greater impact on their environment? Use two pieces of evidence from the text to back up your claim.