

“The Early Empires of India”

1. Read pp. 173 to 176 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. How was the Maurya Empire established?
 - B. What advice did Chandragupta's adviser, Kautilya, give him about ruling a vast empire?
 - C. Create a small WEB in your notebook that shows the accomplishments of Asoka.
 - D. How was Asoka's governing style different from that of Chandragupta?
 - E. What happened in the three regions of India after the fall of the Maurya Empire?
 - F. How did the southern tip of India differ from the rest of India at this time?
 - G. What was the major political accomplishment of the Gupta dynasty?
2. Read from the top of pg. 178 to pg. 180 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. Why is Kalidasa important in the history of Indian literature?
 - B. Identify some of the major advances made by Indian scientists, mathematicians, and doctors during the Gupta period.
 - C. What were some of the economic and cultural links between India and Southeast Asia?
 - D. What role did Indian merchants play in the overland trade between east and west?
 - E. Identify three of the cultures that interacted with India and explain the result of each cultural interaction [keep in mind the influence of art, science, and religion].
3. Read from pg. 451 to pg. 457 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. What opposition did the Mughals face when they invaded the Indian subcontinent?
 - B. Based on the MAP on pg. 451, what landform might have prevented the Mughal Empire from expanding further east?
 - C. Create a chart/web in your notebook that illustrates the contributions that Akbar made to the Mughal Empire.
 - D. How did Akbar defend religious freedom during his reign?
 - E. In what ways was the Golden Age of the Mughal Empire under Akbar similar to and different from that of the Ottoman Empire under Suleiman I, “the Magnificent”? [look back over your notes on the Ottoman Empire.]
 - F. Who was Nur Jahan? What role did she play in Mughal history?
 - G. How did the Mughals' dislike of the Sikhs develop?
 - H. List the major policies of Shah Jahan.
 - I. How did Aurangzeb's personal qualities and political policies affect the Mughal Empire?
4. Complete the CHART on “The Effects of the Mughal Rulers of India” thoroughly and hand it in for a grade of **15 points**.