

The Enduring Impact of Classical Civilization

Subject: Social Studies

Level: Grade 7

Objective: Students will explore characteristics of early civilizations such as Greece, Rome, China, & India after 1000 B.C.

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Classical Civilizations

Civilization eventually spread from Mesopotamia & Egypt throughout the Mediterranean World & Asia.



These included:

**Greece
Rome
China
India**

Greece & Rome



Rome

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City States (Athens & Sparta)

Athens develops "Democracy"

Different from USA - all citizens voted on issues

Golden Age (500BC)

**Significant achievements
in Art, Literature, & Philosophy**

Alexander the Great

**Spreads Greek culture which eventually becomes the
foundation of the Western World**

Rome

Rome inherited Greek Culture. They improved & spread it across Europe

Roman Republic

Similar to USA - we elect others to represent us in government

Elected officials (Senators & Consuls)

12 Tablets of written law

Roman Republic

Republic falls & Rome becomes an Empire - that too falls in 476 AD



Greece & Rome Review

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Practice & Review

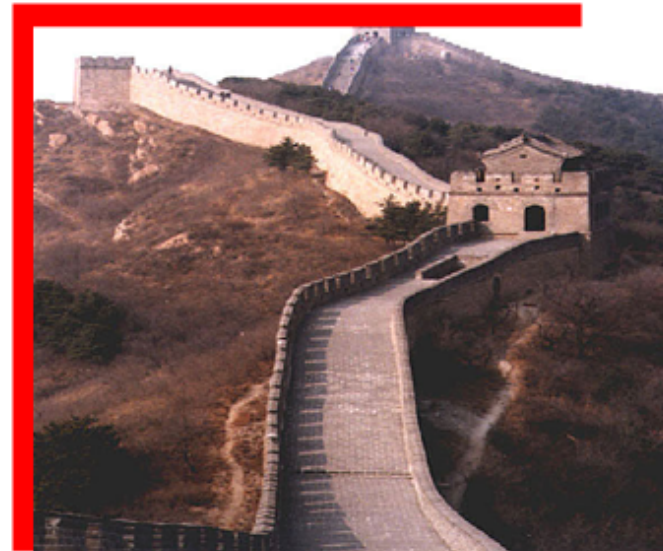
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Asian Civilizations

Classical Civilizations also flourished in Asia after 100 B.C.

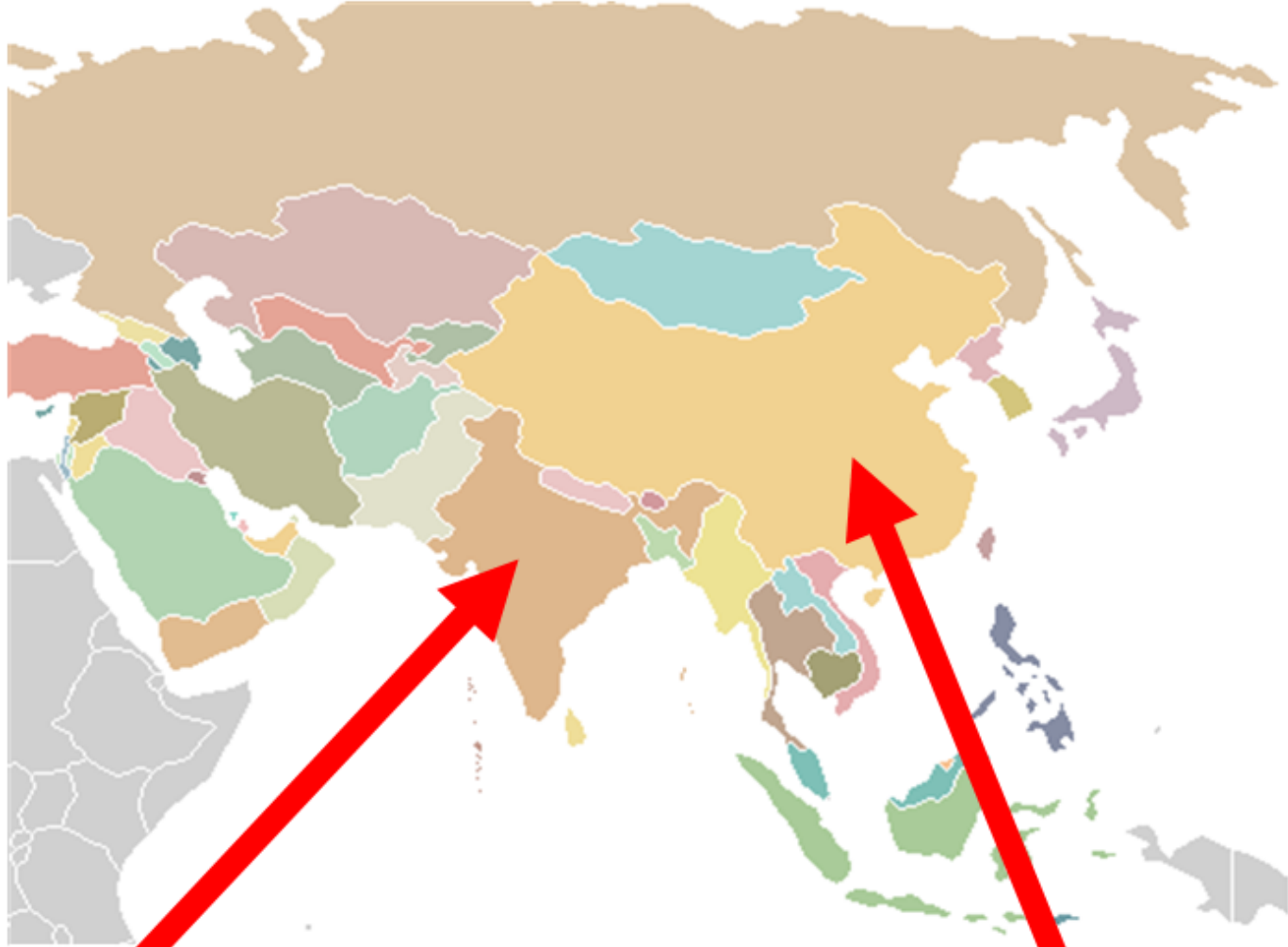


India



China

India & China



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Aryans

Central Asian tribe that invaded India

Brought with them Hinduism



Caste System (Social Structure)

Based on Hinduism & reincarnation

Untouchables | Peasants - Land owners - Warriors - Priests

Buddhism

**Much of India is converted to Buddhism
500 BC - Gupta Period = time of progress**

Arts and Math

China

Dynasties (family of rulers)

**Zhou Rulers then
Shih Huang-ti**

"Mandate from Heaven" - Heaven supports good rulers



Great Wall of China

Built by Shih to protect from invaders

Shih also introduces writing & measurements

Confucianism

Respect tradition & social obligations

After Shih, Han Emperors make it official religion

India & China Review

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India	Aryan kings set up many small kingdoms	Hinduism & Buddhism	Lower Castes provide labor untouchables	universities, decimal system, #0, literature
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Romans were excellent engineers. They build roads and arches. They also had written laws. Latin turned into other languages

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During the Gupta period universities were established in India. They also had mathematical advances.

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Following Civil War the Chinese followed the philosophy of Confusionism

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Hinduism was introduced by the Ayrans. Buddhism also took hold in India during the Gupta period

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