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GHI – River Valley Civilizations Mrs. Valdes

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| Ancient River ValleyCivilization | **Indus** |
| Geography |  |
| Social Structure |  |
| Economic (How did they earn a living?) |  |
| Political |  |
| **Major Contributions** |  |

**Directions:** With a partner, place the following statements about the Indus River Valley in the correct box.

* **Fertile soil** (good for farming)
* **Irrigation systems** used to prevent flooding and water crops
* Two main rivers were Indus and Ganges
* Monsoons- strong winds that brought rain. Monsoons were important and necessary in order to grow crops.
* Indus River flooded unpredictably, depending on the Monsoon season
* **Himalaya Mountains acted as a natural barrier to invasion.**
* **Subcontinent** of Asia
* Sanskrit- written language. Undecipherable (unreadable) to scholars.
* Plumbing and drainage systems.
* Indoor bathrooms
* Sewage systems
* Use of wheel
* Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro – 2 major cities which were laid out in Grid-like pattern.
* Based on agriculture**.**
* Specialization of jobs- merchants and traders.
* Made cloth (cotton), pottery, jewelry
* Social structure is unknown
* May have been matriarchal (ruled by females)
* Political structure is unknown
* Believed to have sophisticated government based on the cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro