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GHI – River Valley Civilizations Mrs. Valdes

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| Ancient River Valley  Civilization | **Indus** |  |
| Geography | * **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 |  |
| Social Structure | * Social structure is unknown * May have been matriarchal (ruled by females) |  |
| Economic  (How did they earn a living?) | * Based on agriculture**.** * Specialization of jobs- merchants and traders. * Made cloth (cotton), pottery, jewelry |  |
| Political | * Political structure is unknown * Believed to have sophisticated government based on the cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro |  |
| **Major Contributions** | * 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. |  |