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GHI – River Valley Civilizations Mrs. Valdes

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