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Ancient India Questions for Reflection Mrs. Valdes

* **Describe the Himalaya mountains.**

The Himalayas are mountains in northern India. They are the highest mountains on the surface of the earth.

* **Why did the Himalayas not completely prevent cultural diffusion?**

The Himalayas have not completely separated India from the rest of Asia because the mountains have passes, so India has not been totally isolated. The mountain passes allowed traders into India.

* **Why are the monsoons vital for Indians?**

Monsoons are winds that bring rains which are vital or important for farming. If the monsoon rains do not arrive, many people will die from hunger and starvation.

* **Where did India’s first civilization develop?**

India’s first civilization developed along the banks of the Indus River. India gets its name from the Indus River.

* **Why do Hindus travel to the Ganges river?**
* Hindus travel to the Ganges River because it is considered a sacred or holy river to Hindus. Hinduism is the major religion in India.
* **List two geographic features of India and state an effect for each feature.**

1. Himalaya Mountains – separate India from the rest of Asia
2. Indus and Ganges Rivers – provide water for drinking and watering crops. Flooding makes the soil fertile.