

Ancient India and the Spread of Hinduism

► Places, Regions, and Landscapes

1. Turn to pages 24–25 in the Atlas. Read the introduction and look at map A, “How Big is the Indian Subcontinent?” Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. The earliest civilization in India was centered around the Indus River. _____
 - b. The Indus Valley civilization had no cities. _____
 - c. The Indian subcontinent includes only the present-day countries of India and Pakistan. _____
 - d. Nomads who migrated to India started a religion called Hinduism. _____

★ Gathering the Facts

2. Use map B, “Indus Valley Civilization,” to answer the following questions.
 - a. What year did farming begin in western India? _____
How many years ago did this take place? _____
 - b. After farming began in western India, how many years passed before farmers moved into the Indus River Valley? _____
 - c. Why did farmers move to the Indus Valley?

 - d. When did the first planned cities develop? _____
 - e. What are the names of the two major Indus Valley cities?
_____ and _____
 - f. There were other cities in the Indus Valley and beyond. How were these cities connected? _____
 - g. Was trade important to the Indus Valley civilization? How do you know?

★ **Links Near and Far**

3. Use map C, "Mohenjo-Daro," to answer the following questions.

a. What barrier enclosed the city of Mohenjo-Daro?

b. What major public buildings did Mohenjo-Daro have?

c. Turn to page 8 and look at the illustration of Jericho. How is this city similar to Mohenjo-Daro? _____

d. How was Mohenjo-Daro different from Jericho?

e. How was Mohenjo-Daro like cities today? _____

f. How was Mohenjo-Daro different from cities today? _____

★ **History Through Maps**

4. Look at map D, "Aryans and Hinduism." Then, for each pair of events below, write **C** next to the cause and **E** next to the effect.

a. _____ Aryans migrate from Central Asia into India.

_____ Dravidians migrate south.

b. _____ Hinduism spreads throughout India.

_____ Aryans expand across Ganges Plain.

➤ **People and Cultures**

5. Read the history question, "What do Hindus believe?" According to Hinduism, what are the consequences of good actions?
