

PERSIAN Chart for Classical Civilizations

ERA: 8,000 B.C.E. – 600 C.E.	India	
	(Mauryans)	(Guptas)
<p><u>POLITICAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders/groups • Forms of government • Empires • State building/expansion • Political structures • Courts/laws • Nationalism/nations • Revolts/revolutions 	<p>Regionalism – led by autocratic kings and emperors</p> <p>Aristocratic assemblies</p> <p>Depended heavily on power large armies</p> <p>Chandragupta founder of Mauryan Empire</p> <p>Ashoka – converted to Buddhism</p>	<p>Regionalism – led by autocratic kings and emperors</p> <p>Aristocratic assemblies</p> <p>Rulers claimed divine right</p> <p>Local rulers who kings defeated maintained power</p> <p>Uniform law codes</p>
<p><u>ECONOMIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural, pastoral • Economic systems • Labor systems/ organizations • Industrialization • Technology/industry • Capital/money • Business organizations 	<p>Heavily based on agriculture</p> <p>Marriages used as economic links – promote families economic well-being</p>	<p>Based on Agriculture</p> <p>Taxation system</p> <p>Ironworking advanced</p> <p>Textiles – first to manufacture cotton cloth, calico, and cashmere</p> <p>Artisans formed guilds and sold goods from shops</p>
<p><u>RELIGIOUS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belief systems/ teachings • Philosophy • Holy books • Conversion • Key figures • Deities 	<p>Buddhism</p> <p>Saddartha Gautama - Buddha – “Enlightened One” (seen as divine)</p> <p>Holy life could be achieved through individual effort from any level of society.</p> <p>Goal to reach Nirvana through meditation</p> <p>Encouraged missionaries</p> <p>Reincarnation</p> <p>Dharma and Karma</p>	<p>Hinduism favored under Guptas because of Gods - divine right to rule</p> <p>Major system of belief in India today</p> <p>Included woman goddesses</p> <p>No Single Founder</p> <p>No Central Holy Figure</p> <p>Encouraged political and economic goals</p> <p>Brahma forms everything in the world</p> <p>Brahman priests and mystics (gurus)</p> <p>Reincarnation</p> <p>Worldly suffering ends when united with Brahma after many goods lives</p> <p>Ceremonies and meditation/yoga</p> <p>Dharma and Karma</p>
<p><u>SOCIAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family/ kinship • Gender roles/relations • Social and economic classes • Racial/ ethnic factors • Entertainment • Lifestyles • “Haves” & “have nots” 	<p>Caste System - promoted public order, some flexibilities, avoided slavery</p> <p>Brahmins, Warriors, 300 jati (sub castes), untouchables (lowest)</p> <p>Castes assigned people to occupation and marriage</p> <p>Patriarchal</p> <p>Pattern – as agriculture increases, the role of women decreases</p>	<p>Caste System - promoted public order, some flexibilities, avoided slavery</p> <p>Brahmins, Warriors, 300 jati (sub castes), untouchables (lowest)</p> <p>Castes assigned people to occupation and marriage</p> <p>Patriarchal</p> <p>Merchants enjoyed high caste status</p>
<p><u>INTERACTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War/conflict • Diplomacy/treaties • Alliances • Exchanges between individuals, groups, & empires/nations • Trade/commerce • Globalization 	<p>Indian numbering system used today, called Arabic because Europeans imported it from Arabs</p> <p>Merchants and Missionaries were a linkage among cultures</p> <p>Buddhism spread to East Asia and Southeast Asia</p>	<p>Scientists borrowed from Greeks</p> <p>Merchants traded by sea to Middle East, East Asia, and Southeast Asia</p> <p>Exported - cotton, silks, and dyes</p> <p>Imported – Pottery, wine, metals, slaves, and gold</p>

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<p><u>ARTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art / Music • Writing/ Literature • Philosophy • Math / Science • Education • Architecture • Technology/ Innovations • Transportation 	<p>Theme of love important – love between men and women (Kama Sutra)</p> <p>Aryabatta – calculated length of the solar year and improved mathematical measurements</p> <p>Calculated daily rotation on earth's axis</p> <p>Identified seven planets and developed theory for gravity</p> <p>Invented concept of zero and negative numbers, square roots, and a more accurate value of pi</p> <p>Inoculation for smallpox and sterilization in hospitals</p>	<p>No single language</p> <p>Sanskrit becomes language of the educated</p> <p>Panchatantra – tells tales of adventure (Sinbad)</p> <p>Supported university centers</p> <p>Sculpture and painting more stylized than realistic</p> <p>Bolded belong in that empire</p>
<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Physical • Human/environment • Migration/movement • Region • Demography • Neighborhood • Settlement patterns • Disease • Urbanization/ cities (2 major) 	<p>Public services – extensive road network</p> <p>Unified entire continent</p> <p>Shrines to Buddha</p>	<p>Public services – extensive road network</p>