

Lesson 2: India and Persia

Directions: Read each of the following descriptions and decide if it is related to the Aryan Empire (*A*), Persian Empire (*P*), Mauryan Empire (*M*), or Gupta Empire (*G*). Write the appropriate letter on the line beside each description. You may use your textbook.

- ___ 1. Developed the number system we use today
- ___ 2. Founded the religion of Zoroastrianism
- ___ 3. Developed roads and trade in India
- ___ 4. Lasted from about 320 B.C. to about 185 B.C.
- ___ 5. Designed stone temples
- ___ 6. Lasted from about 1500 B.C. to about 550 B.C.
- ___ 7. First Indian empire
- ___ 8. Lasted from about 550 B.C. to about 320 B.C.
- ___ 9. Had civil service workers, a powerful army, and an army of spies
- ___ 10. Nomads who crossed the Hindu Kush
- ___ 11. Used stone columns to mark territory and to make announcements
- ___ 12. Lasted from about A.D. 320 to about A.D. 520
- ___ 13. Sanskrit became the language of the wealthy
- ___ 14. Recorded their stories and songs in the Vedas, or “Books of Knowledge”
- ___ 15. Groups were headed by a rajah
- ___ 16. Founder was Cyrus II



Notes for Home: Your child learned characteristics of the different empires in India and Persia.

Home Activity: Discuss with your child the contributions of each empire. Then work together to create a time line of all the empires.