

Section 4

Empires of Ancient India

The Rise of the Mauryan Empire

- Chandragupta Maurya

- Born in _____, later became king
- Expanded empire much larger
- Read _____ - govern with absolute power-
secret police
- Army of thousands- plus 9000 _____

The Rise of the Mauryan Empire

- Economic success from farming
- Traded as far away as Greece and Egypt
- Later became _____ of assassination-
 - Made servants _____
 - Slept in a different room every night
 - moved to south, became a monk and starved to death while fasting
- Wealth under Chandragupta improved empire
 - Irrigation
 - Cleared forests for more farming
 - Road network

Asoka's Leadership

- Asoka (without sorrow)
 - Chandragupta's grandson
 - Very harsh at first- expanded empire south
 - 261 bc _____ - very bloody- thousands killed
 - Changed Asoka- freed prisoners and converted to a nonviolent Buddhist

Asoka's Leadership

- The Buddhist Leader
 - Animals could not be sacrificed, gave up hunting (traditional for Indian kings)
 - treated subjects like his children- concerned for the spiritual and physical health
 - Built _____ and had wells dug every mile along roads
 - Wrote moral advice- honor parents, don't kill animals, be honest and have tolerance
 - _____ spread under Asoka

The Gupta Empire

- Gupta Empire

- After Asoka died, Mauryan empire collapsed- India broke into small kingdoms
- 320 AD- Gupta rise to power- lasted until 540AD in northern India
- Rich culture
 - Cloth painting invented
 - Hindu colleges
 - _____ - famous Indian writer
 - Decimal point and _____