**Ch. 5, Lesson 2 Notes**

**Topic:** India & Persia  **Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**E.Q.:** Explain and describe the Aryan migration.

**Indus River Valley Civilization:**

* Civilization began in the Indus River Valley about 2,500 B.C.
* In the 1920s +, archaeologists uncovered the ruins of 2 cities, *Harappa & Mohenjo-Daro:*
* Home to thousands of people
* Had a writing system
* Brick homes were laid out in a grid
* Had a large public bath & garbage collection
* Vanished about 1,700 B.C.

**The Aryans Arrive:**

* Around 1,500 B.C., another group *(Aryans)* migrated to the Indus River Valley
* They spoke *Sanskrit*, a different language
* They herded cattle & rode chariots
* The *Vedas (“Books of Knowledge”)* contain the writings of the Aryans
* The social structure of the Aryans:
1. *Brahmins (priests & teachers)* were at the top
2. *Warriors & kings* were next
3. *Cultivators* (i.e. artisans) followed
4. *Sudras (servants)* formed the bottom

**The Persian Empire:**

* *Cyrus II* was the founder of the *Persian Empire*
* *Darius I*  brought the Persian Empire to India
* The Persians developed roads & trade, connecting India to lands in Central Asia
* *Zoroastrianism*, a religion from Persia (Iran), was introduced to India

 **Summary**