

**INDIAN MYTHOLOGY & HISTORY**

**INDUS VALLEY  
CIVILIZATION**

# TIMELINE

	-3000 BCE	-2500 BCE	-2000 BCE	-1500 BCE	-1000 BCE	-500 BCE	0 CE	500 CE	1000 CE	1500 CE	2000 CE
	5000 ya	4500 ya	4000 ya	3500 ya	3000 ya	2500 ya	2000 ya	1500 ya	1000 ya	500 ya	now
India	Indus Valley Civilization			Gangetic Valley Vedic Civilization			Jainism/ Buddhism / Mouryas	Satavahans/ Sakas/ Hunas	Guptas/ Adi Sankara	Muslim Invasion	Mughals/ Marathas/ British/ Independent India
Mesopotamia	Mesopotamian						Parthian	Romans	Islamic		
Egypt	Egyptian					Greek	Byzantine		Islamic		
Europe		Greek					Greeks / Romans	Romans	Byzantine / Romans / Dark Ages		Renaissance / Colonization / Industrial Revolution / World Wars
Persia		Ancient Persian				Persian			Islamic		
China			Ancient China			Imperial China					Ming, Qing, Communists
Americas		Mayan				Aztecs & Incas					Europeans

BRONZE AGE

IRON AGE

# LOCATION



# DISCOVERY

- Discovered by archaeologists in 1920.
- First Harappa was discovered,
- Soon, MohenJo Daro was discovered.

# **A VIDEO BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUng-iHhSzU>

# TOWN PLANNING

- Cities built on grid system. Right angle road intersections.
- Rooms built around courtyards
- Each house had well – some with attached toilets
- Sun-dried bricks for building. Terracotta was used. Wooden doors and windows
- The city of Mohenjo Daro had about 50000 residents. The entire civilization is estimated to be 5 million strong. By contrast, Richmond has about million residents.





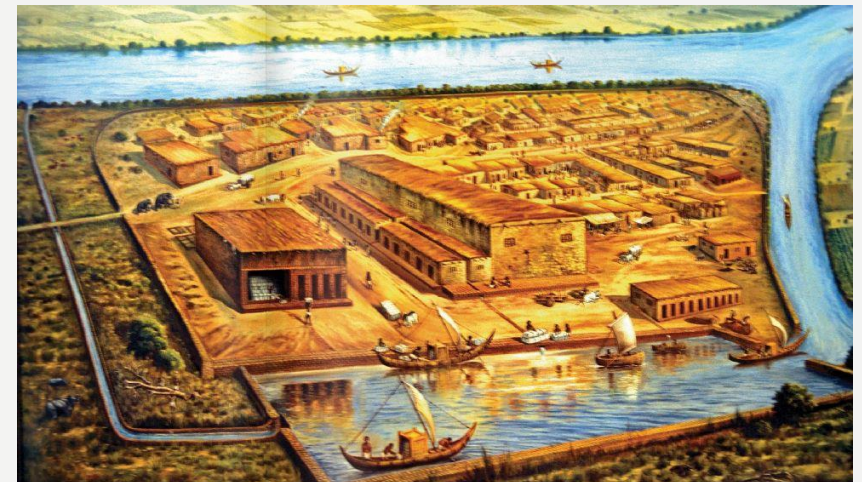
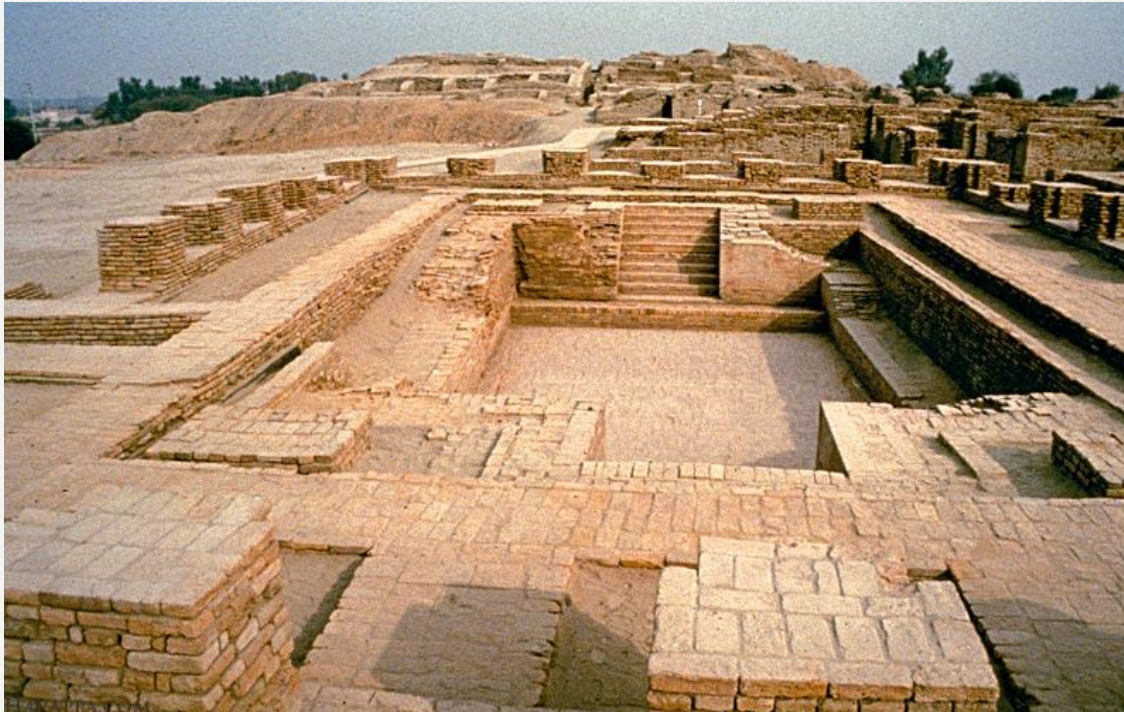
# DRAINAGE SYSTEM

- Covered drains on both sides of the streets with openings
- Drains from each house flowed into the street drain



# MONUMENTAL ARCHITECTURE

- Citadel – assembly hall on a raised platform
- Port Dock at Lothal
- Granaries
- Great Bath



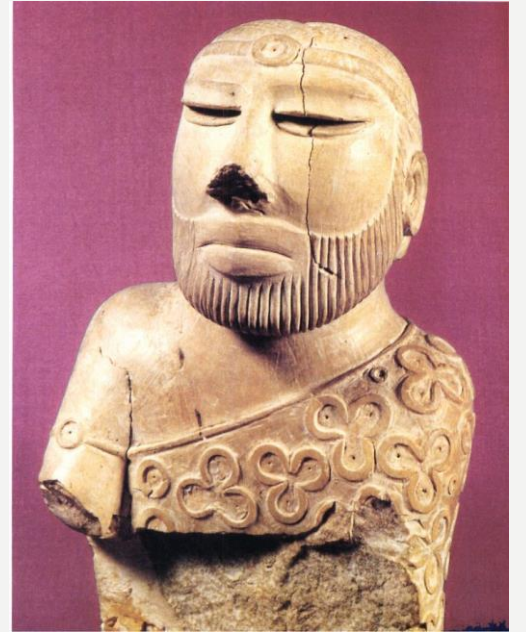


# ECONOMIC LIFE OF PEOPLE

- Agriculture
- Weaving and Spinning
- Trade
  - Export – Jewellery, pottery, foodgrain
  - Import – Copper and precious stones

# SOCIAL LIFE

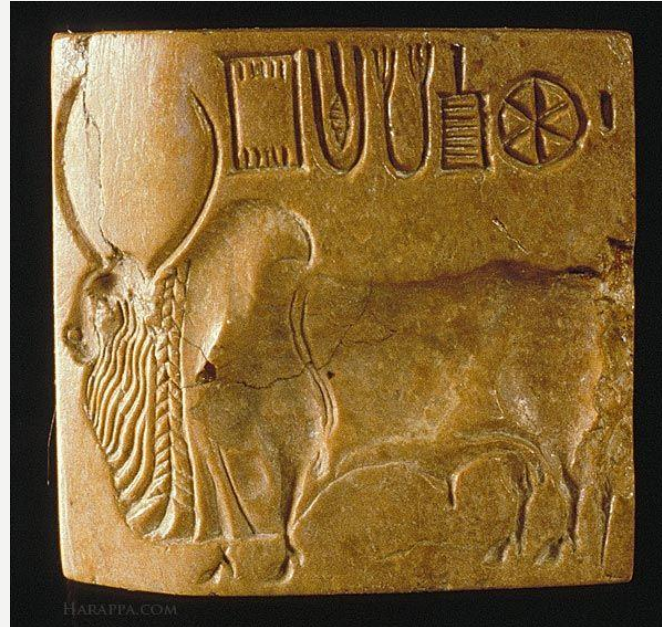
- People with religious or political authority
- Dress and Ornaments – stitched clothes with Dhoti and top
- Assorted Toys





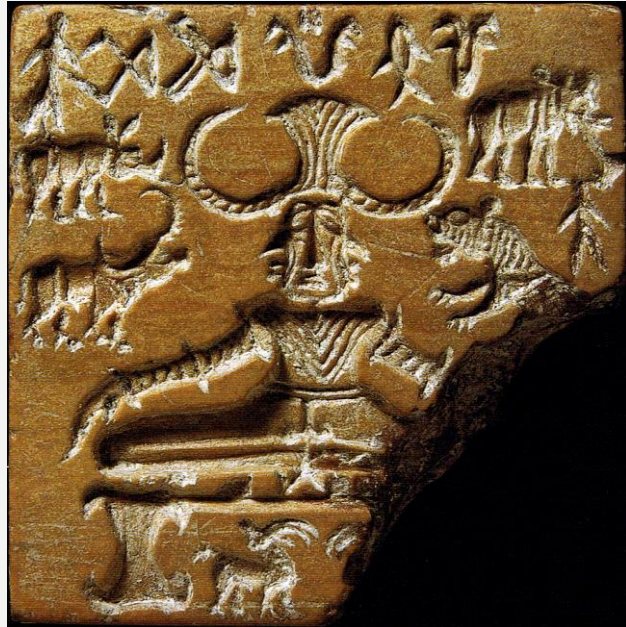
# SEALS / SCRIPT

Undeciphered Script





# RELIGION



Pashupati  
Possibly  
Shiva  
Or Jain Tirthankar



Mother Goddess

Swastika





# ARTS AND CRAFTS

- Pottery
  - Terracotta Pots Baked
  - Glazed with figures
- Sculptures
  - Toys
  - Bronze Statue of Dancing Girl
  - Bearded Man



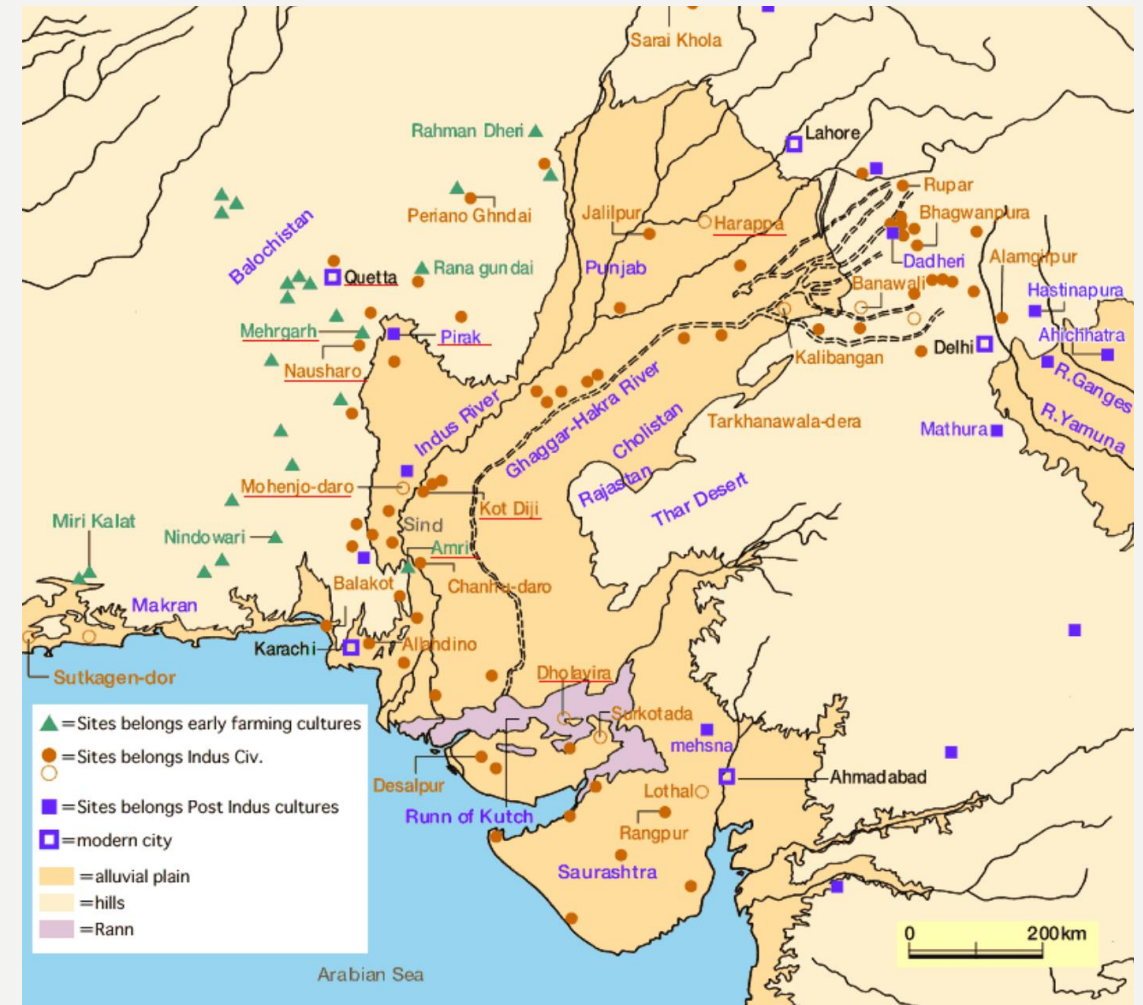
4 inch tall



7 inch tall

# DECLINE

- Possibly an Earthquake that stopped the flow of Saraswati
- Climate Change
- Aryan invasion – Incorrect theory



# FURTHER STUDIES

- Google - Khan Academy Indus Valley Civilization

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/world-history-beginnings/ancient-india/a/the-indus-river-valley-civilizations>