

Quick Facts Teaching Strategies

Visual Summary: Ancient Civilizations of Asia—India

Interpreting Visuals Use the following strategies to help students interpret the Quick Facts visual summary:

1. Have students identify three to five facts related to each image and caption. For example, students might suggest the following for the Harrapan civilization:
 - It controlled large areas along the Indus River.
 - It was dependent on agriculture.
 - It had contact with other cultures in the form of trade.
2. Have students suggest other images that illustrate major points about Ancient India. For example, students may suggest an elephant to represent the Mauryan Empire.
3. Continue until students have summarized most of the major points in this chapter.

English-Language Learners Use the following strategies to help English-Language Learners interpret the Quick Facts visual summary:

1. Use the same strategy to help students summarize the main points of the chapter (as listed in the questions, discussion points, and activities above).
2. Have the students suggest words or phrases that relate to each image and caption. Encourage students to review the chapter for appropriate words and phrases. Using a dry-erase or transparency marker, write these down under the appropriate caption on the transparency. Ask students what these words or phrases are in their primary languages.
3. Have students copy the words or phrases in their notebooks. Next to each word or phrase, have them write the translation in their primary language, if they know the correct word or phrase.
4. Have students write three to five sentences using standard English usage that summarize the main ideas for each image and caption. Encourage students to use a dictionary to help them with spelling and usage.

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The Harappan civilization began in the Indus River Valley.



Hinduism and Buddhism both developed in India.



Indians made great advances in art, literature, science, and other fields.