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# Advent of the Aryans and the Age of the Rig Veda

* Aryans belonged to many different races but were distinguished by their common language (Indo-European languages).
* Indo-European languages are in changed forms at present across different regions of Europe, Iran, and the Indian subcontinent.
* Originally Aryans lived somewhere in steppes stretching from southern Russia to central Asia.
* Pastoral-first profession and agriculture-secondary profession.
* Male dominated.
* Horse – significant role.
* The domesticated horse appeared in the sixth millennium B.C. in the black sea and the Ural Mountain area.
* Info of Aryans in India was given by Rig Veda.
* Arya – 36 times repeated in rig Veda. (Cultural community)
* Rig Veda (a collection of prayers offered to Agni, Indra, Mitra, Varuna, and other gods) is the earliest text of Indo-European languages.
* Rig Veda – 10 mandalas or books. ( ii to vii earlies, I and x later additions)
* It has several similarities with Avesta (oldest Iranian text).