

Chapter 4: Central Asia and India's Beginnings: 4-8c For Further Reflection

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Chapter Review

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1. What do you think accounts for the origins of agriculture in early Indian history? What connections might there have been between Indus civilization and Mesopotamian civilizations?
2. How does Brahmanism compare with the religions found in other early agrarian civilizations—for example, Mesopotamia and Egypt?
3. What factors might have helped produce the changes in Indian religions after about 500 B.C.E.?
4. Why do you suppose that there are now thousands of castes in India, when there were originally only four?
5. Throughout its history, India was preeminent in (what was then) “world” trade. Why do you think this was so?
6. Why do you think the histories of India and Central Asia were closely linked?

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