

HISTORY – CLASS 6
CHAPTER 1 - WHAT, WHERE, HOW AND WHEN?

WORKSHEET 1

A. Answer the following questions:

1. Where did the earliest skilled gatherers live?
 - **The earliest skilled gatherers lived on the banks of river Narmada.**
2. Where did men and women begin to grow crops first? When?
 - **Men and women first began to grow crops near the Sulaiman and Kirthar hills to the northwest of India about 8000 years ago.**
3. Where in India did agriculture develop first?
 - **Agriculture in India developed near the Vindhyas in Centre India and the Garo hills to the northeast of India.**
4. Where did some of the earliest cities in India develop? When?
 - **Some of the earliest cities developed on the banks of river Indus and its tributaries about 4700 years ago.**
5. Which region in India was known as Magadha in ancient times?
 - **In ancient times the area to the south of the river Ganga and its tributaries was known as Magadha.**
6. What are manuscripts?
 - **Manuscripts were written by hand. These were usually written on palm leaf or on the specially prepared bark of a tree known as birch, which grows in the Himalayas.**
7. What was Prakrit?
 - **Prakrit was the language used by the ordinary people.**
8. Who is the founder of Christianity?
 - **Jesus Christ is the founder of Christianity.**

9. What do the letters 'BC' stand for?
- **The letter 'BC' stands for two words known as 'Before Christ'.**
10. Which is the earliest composition of Sanskrit?
- **The earliest composition of Sanskrit is the Rigveda which dates back to about 3500 years ago.**
11. What do the letters "CE" and "BCE" stand for?
- **The letter 'CE' stands for "Common Era" and 'BCE' stands for 'Before Common Era'.**
12. Which are the oldest languages in India?
- **The oldest languages in India are Sanskrit and Tamil.**
13. What are inscriptions?
- **Inscriptions are writings on relatively hard surfaces such as stone or metal.**
14. Why did the kings get their orders inscribed?
- **The kings got their order inscribed so that people could see, read and obey them.**
15. Who are historians?
- **Historians are scholars who study the past.**

B. Answer the questions in brief:

1. Who are archaeologists?
- **There were many other things that were made and used in the past.**
 - **Those who study these objects are called archaeologists.**
 - **They study the remains made of stone and brick, paintings and sculpture.**
 - **They also explore and excavate to find tools, weapons, pots, pans ornaments and coins.**
 - **Archaeologists also look for bones of animals, birds and fish to find what people ate in the past.**

2. How did 'India' and 'Bharat' derive their name?

- **The word India comes from the Indus, called Sindhu in Sanskrit.**
- **The Iranians and the Greek who came through the northwest about 2500 years ago were familiar with the Indus, called it *Hindos* or the *Indos* and the land to the east of the river was called India,**
- **The name *Bharata* was used for the group of people who lived in the northwest and who are mentioned in the Rigveda. Later it as used for the country.**

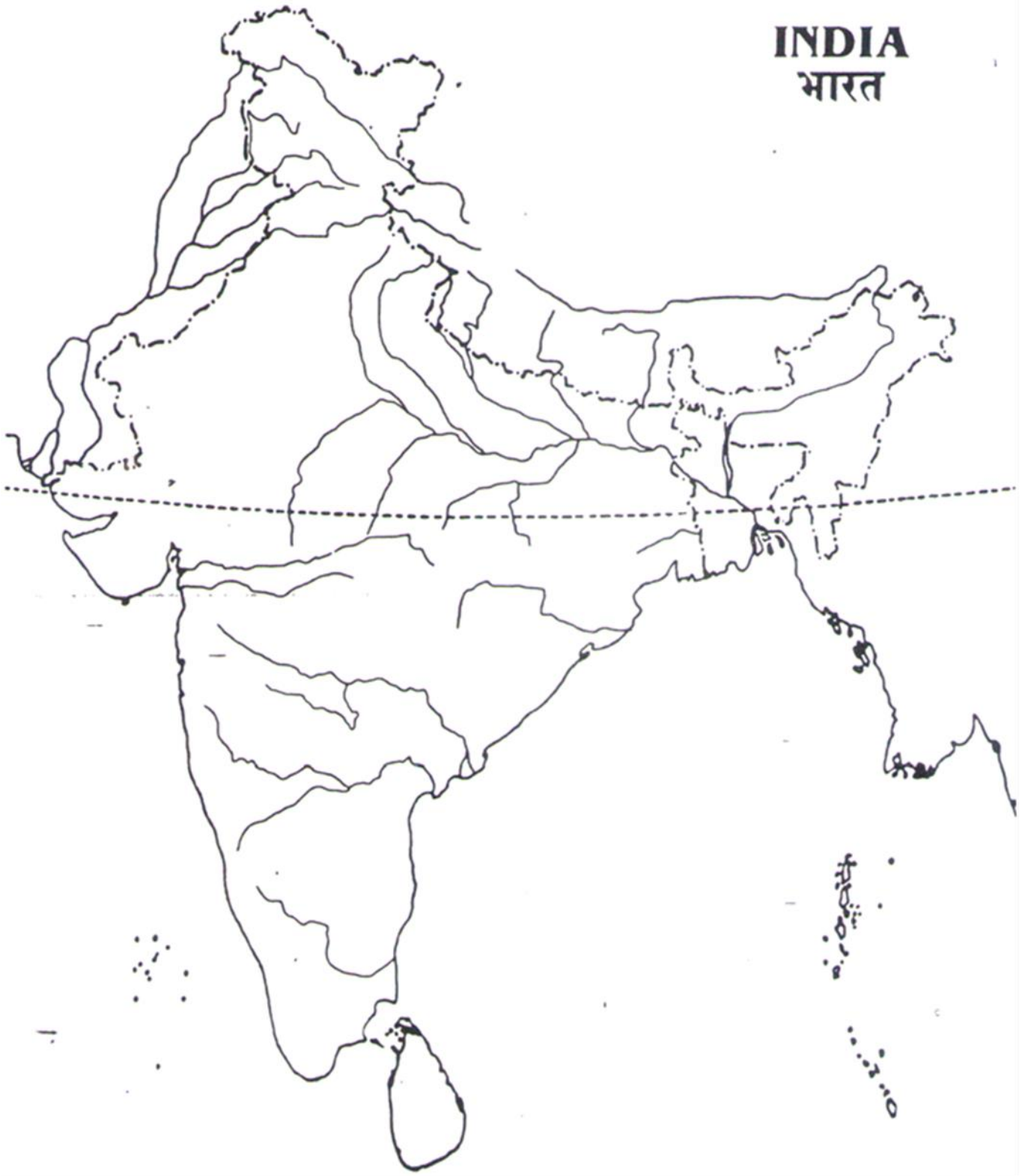
3. Why did people travel?

- **Men and women moved in search of livelihood and also to escape from natural disasters like floods or droughts.**
- **Sometimes men marched in armies, conquering others' land.**
- **Merchants travelled with caravans or ships, carrying valuable goods from place to place.**
- **Religious teachers travelled walked from village to village, town to town, stopping to offer instruction and advice on the way.**
- **Some people perhaps travelled driven by the spirit of adventure wanting to discover new and exciting places.**

C. On the physical map of India mark the following :

1. River Indus and its tributaries
2. River Ganga and its tributaries
3. River Narmada
4. The Sulaiman and the Kirthar hills
5. The Vindhya
6. The Garo hills

INDIA
भारत



Crossword Puzzle

A	N	N	O	D	O	M	I	N	I	D	F	R	T	G
D	G	T	H	J	K	A	R	C	R	B	U	E	R	V
F	D	R	G	Y	U	G	V	H	I	R	B	R	I	C
T	F	R	C	T	V	A	A	F	T	O	V	C	G	H
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U	T	G	V	B	U	Y	T	E	R	C	V	T	W	M

Clues:

1. *The full form of the abbreviation 'AD'*
2. *The first big kingdom*
3. *The earliest cities developed on the banks of this river*
4. *The scholars who study the past*
5. *The river Indus called in Sanskrit*
6. *Language used by ordinary people*
7. *Oldest languages in India*
8. *The earliest composition in Sanskrit*
9. *The town on the north coast of Egypt*