

Ancient India and China

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and choose the correct term from the word bank to replace the underlined definition.

citadel	monsoons	rajas
subcontinent	<i>varnas</i>	Vedas

1. Seasonal winds commonly bring heavy rains to the Northern Plains.

2. In larger Indus settlements, important businesses and buildings were enclosed in a fortress.

3. In return for payments of either food or money, regional leaders protected the people in their villages.

4. Little archaeological evidence exists about the Aryan period of Indian history, but many details about society at this time can be found in the sacred writings.

5. The Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaisyas, and Sudras made up the four classes of Vedic society.

DIRECTIONS For each term below, write a word that has the same meaning.

6. assume _____
7. castes _____
8. subcontinent _____