

States after the Maurya Empire

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Can you tell?

The kings who started the minting of gold coins in India.

Solution: The kings who started the minting of gold coins in India. - **The Kushana kings**

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Can you tell?

The city established by Kanishka in Kashmir.

Solution: The city established by Kanishka in Kashmir. - **Kanishkapur**

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Can you tell?

The king who played the veena.

Solution: The king who played the veena. - **Samudragupta**

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Can you tell?

Another name for Kamrup

Solution: Another name for Kamrup - **Pragjyotish**

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Observe the map in the lesson. List the names of the modern cities which were part of the Gupta Empire.

Solution: Students do it by yourself.

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Discuss and write.

Emperor Kanishka

Solution:

- i. Kanishka's Empire extended from Kabul in the west to Varanasi in the east.
- ii. Gold and copper coins minted by him have been found in North India.
- iii. The fourth Buddhist council .was held in Kashmir during his reign.
- iv. He established the city of Kanishkapur in Kashmir.

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Discuss and write.

The Iron Pillar at Mehrauli

Solution:

- There is an iron pillar at Mehrauli near Delhi.
- It has not rusted even in the course of the last fifteen hundred years. It is an excellent specimen of the metallurgical skill of the ancient Indian people.
- The inscription on the pillar bears the names of a king called 'Chandra'. It is on this basis that the iron pillar is assumed to be of the period of Chandragupta II.

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Make a list of the various books and authors mentioned in the lesson.

Solution:

- 'Milind Panha' - questions discussed between Milinda and Bikkhu Nagarsena.
- 'Buddhacharita and Vajrasuchi' - Ashvaghosh
- 'Harshacharita' - Banabhatta.
- 'Periplus of the Erythrean sea'.

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Make a comparative chart of the Vardhan and Gupta dynasties based on the following points.

Points	Gupta Dynasty	Vardhan Dynasty
Founder		
Expansion of the kingdom/empire		
Achievements		

Solution:

Points	Gupta Dynasty	Vardhan Dynasty
Founder	Shrigupta	Prabhakar Vardhan
Expansion of the kingdom/empire	The Gupta empire spread from Assam upto the Punjab. He also conquered the eastern coastal region up to Kanchi Tamil Nadu.	Harshavardhan, expanded the Vardhan Empire up to Nepal in the north, up to the river Narmada in the south, Assam in the east, and Gujarat in the west.



Achievements	<p>A-pillar inscription at Prayag describes Samudragupta conquest and victories</p> <p>He minted coins</p> <p>There is an iron pillar at Mehrauli near Delhi which has not rusted even after the course of last fifteen hundred, years.</p>	<p>-Trade flourished Knowledge also flourished, we know this as the famous Nalanda University existed during this time</p> <p>He wrote three Sanskrit plays Ratnavali, Naganand, and Priyadarshika.</p>
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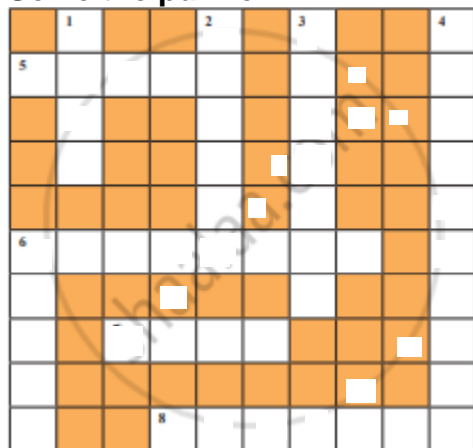
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What would you do if you met foreign travellers like Yuan Chwang?

Solution: if I were to meet a foreign traveller, I would extend my friendship, try to grasp information from his vast knowledge. Probably I would also have accompanied him to Nalanda University. I would also have emulated his virtues, learnt Chinese (Mandarin) and helped him translate Buddhist manuscripts.

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Solve the puzzle.



Down

1. (A word for) King in Indian languages.
2. A Chinese traveller to India
3. A famous Indo-Greek King had discussions with this Bauddha bhikkhu.
4. A poet at the court of Emperor Harshavardhan, who also wrote his biography.
6. Chandragupta II conquered this State neighbouring Gujarat.

Across

5. A Pali word that means the question.
6. The most famous Indo-Greek King
7. Kanishka was the first Emperor to make this from gold.
8. An ancient Indian University where the Chinese traveller Yuan Chwang stayed for two years

Solution: Down:

1. Fa-Hien
2. Milind
3. Banabhatta
4. Malwa

Across:

5. Panhai
6. Menander
6. Coin
7. Naland

