**Ancient India**

**Vocabulary Builder**

**Section 4**

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**DIRECTIONS** Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. Under Emperor ________________, Gupta society stretched all the way across northern India. The empire's economy strengthened and people prospered.  
   (Candra Gupta II/Candragupta Maurya)

2. ________________ was a strong ruler who conquered other kingdoms and made his own empire both stronger and richer. Later, he converted to Buddhism and swore that he would not fight any more wars. (Asoka/Huns)

3. The Mauryan Empire was founded by ________________, who ruled with a complex government that included a network of spies and a huge army. (Candra Gupta II/Candragupta Maurya)

4. When the ________________ from Central Asia invaded India, it led to the end of the Gupta Dynasty. (Asoka/Huns)

5. Under the ________________ Hinduism became popular again, but the rulers also supported Buddhism and Jainism. (Gupta Dynasty/Huns)

**DIRECTIONS** Use the vocabulary words from the word list to write a story or poem that relates to the section.
Vocabulary Builder
Section 1
1. seasonal wind patterns that cause wet and dry seasons
2. the most important language of ancient India
3. a large landmass that is smaller than a continent
4. Harappan civilization
5. Vedas
6. Himalayas
7. raja
8. Aryans; Harappan civilization
9. Sanskrit; Aryans
10. subcontinent
11. monsoon

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Section 2
1. true
2. false—The caste system divided the Indian society into groups based on rank, wealth, or occupation.
3. false—Jainism was based on four major principles: injure no life, tell the truth, do not steal, and own no property.
4. true
5. true
6. true
7. true
8. false—Jainism was based on the teaching of a man named Mahavira.
9. false—Hindus believe that a person’s ultimate goal should be to reunite their soul with Brahman, the universal spirit.

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Section 3
1. If people can overcome their desire and ignorance, they can reach nirvana, which is a state of perfect peace.
2. Siddhartha used fasting, going without food, and meditation, focusing of the mind on spiritual ideas, to free his mind from daily concerns.
3. The king sent Buddhist missionaries, people who work to spread their religious beliefs, to other kingdoms in Asia.
4. The Buddha is the term that means the “Enlightened One.”
5. Buddhism is the religion based on the teachings of the Buddha.
6. false—nirvana
7. true
8. false—missionaries

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1. Candra Gupta II
2. Asoka
3. Candragupta Maurya
4. Huns
5. Gupta Dynasty
answers will vary

Vocabulary Builder
Section 5
1. a mixture of two of more metals
2. the study of stars and planets
3. numbers we use today
4. injecting a person with a small dose of a virus to help him/her build up defenses to a disease
5. the science of working with metals
6. astronomy
7. inoculation
8. Metallurgy; alloy
9. Bhagavad Gita
10. Hindu-Arabic numerals

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