

ANCIENT HISTORY

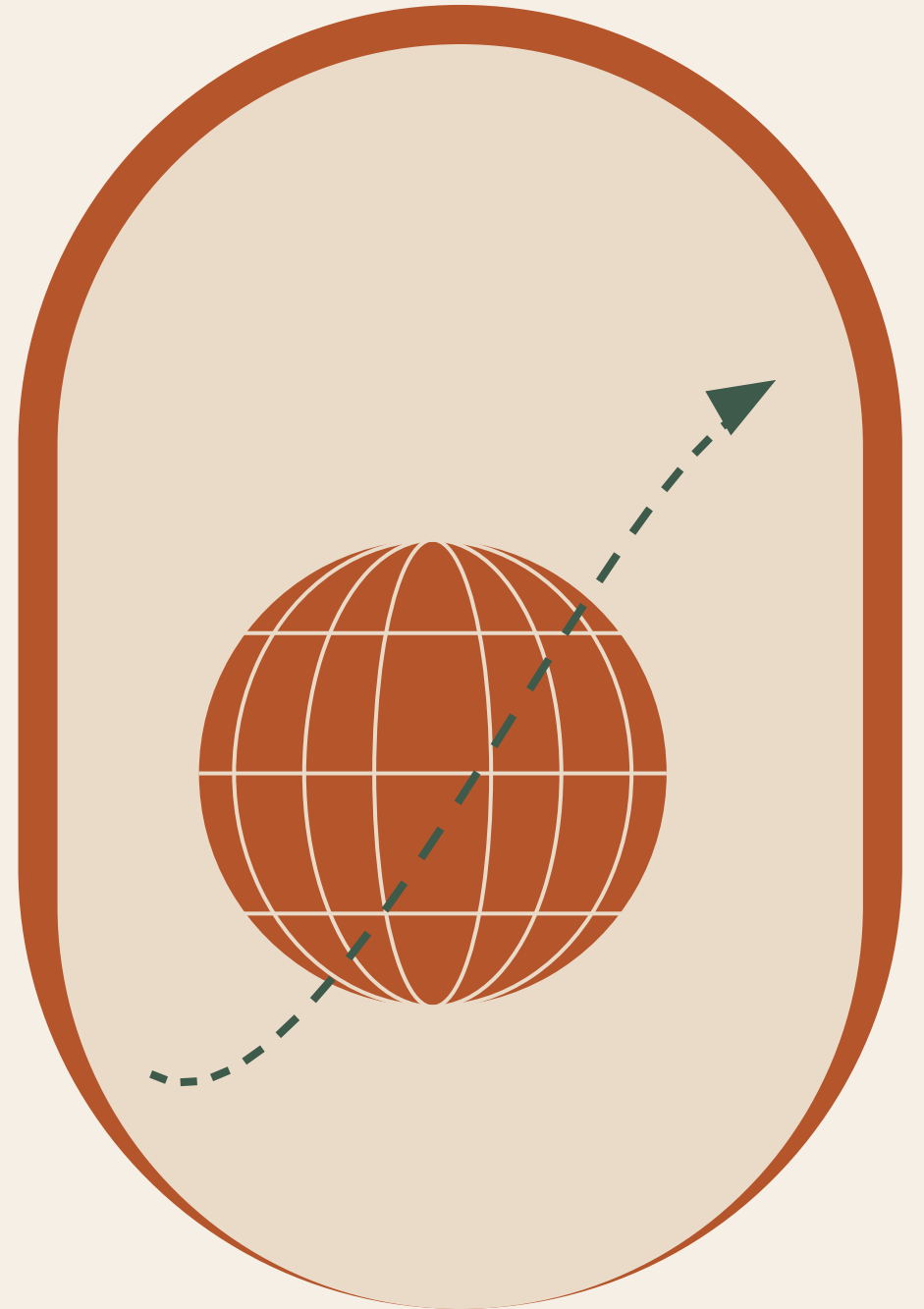
The Indus Valley Civilisation

Cities, trade and daily life 4,500 years ago

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INTRODUCTION

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**Planned streets,
covered drains and
standard bricks — 4,500
years ago.**

Why it matters



05 | Overview

- One of the world's earliest urban civilisations
- Flourished along the Indus and Ghaggar-Hakra rivers
- Known for town planning, trade and crafts
- Its script is still not deciphered

REMEMBER

Also called the Harappan Civilisation, after its first excavated site.

BACKGROUND 02



07 | Key dates

c. 3300 BCE

Early phase

Farming villages grow

c. 1900 BCE

Decline

Cities slowly abandoned

c. 2600 BCE

Mature phase

Great cities flourish

1921 CE

Discovery

Harappa excavated



08 | Where it flourished



Map / illustration

**Across present-day
Pakistan and north-west
India.**

Major sites include Harappa, Mohenjo-daro, Lothal, Dholavira and Kalibangan. Rivers gave fertile soil for farming and routes for trade.



09 | Causes and conditions

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Fertile rivers

Floods left rich soil for crops.

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Trade routes

Links with Mesopotamia by sea.

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Skilled crafts

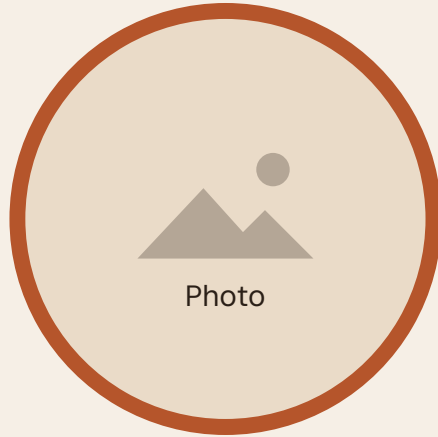
Beads, pottery and metalwork.

EVENTS

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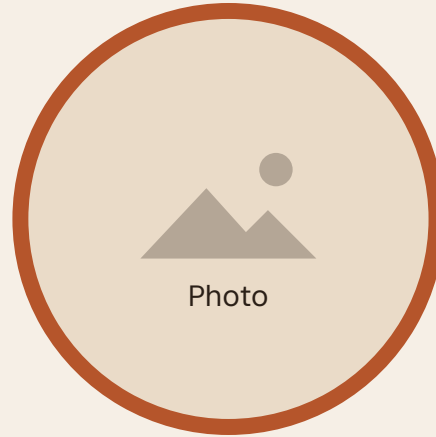
11 | Who was involved



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Farmers
CULTIVATORS

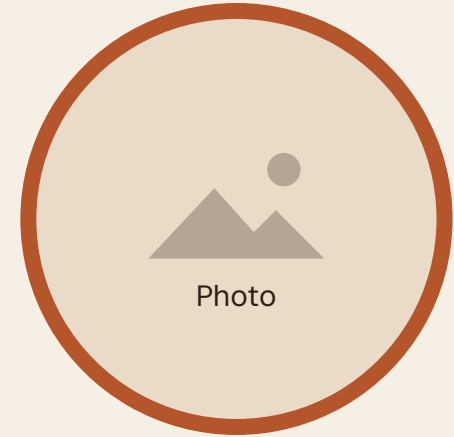
Grew wheat, barley and cotton.



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Artisans
CRAFTSPEOPLE

Made seals, beads and pottery.



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Traders
MERCHANTS

Exchanged goods over land and sea.



12 | Life in a Harappan city

01	Citadel	Raised public area
02	Lower town	Homes with courtyards
03	Great Bath	Public water tank
04	Granary	Stored grain



Portrait image

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The drainage of Mohenjo-daro is among the most advanced of the ancient world.

— A widely shared archaeological view



14 | At a glance

Feature	Detail
Script	About 400 signs, undeciphered
Crops	Wheat, barley, cotton
Metals	Copper, bronze, gold

Dates are approximate where historians differ.

IMPACT

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16 | Before and after

Before

- ✓ Small farming villages
- ✓ Local exchange only
- ✓ Mud huts

After

- Planned cities with drains
- Long-distance trade
- Standard baked bricks



17 | Legacy

01

Town planning

Grid streets and drainage.

02

Weights

Standard measures for trade.

03

Crafts

Bead and pottery traditions.



18 | Discussion questions

- Why might the cities have declined?
- What does town planning tell us about rulers?
- How could the script be deciphered?
- Compare a Harappan home with yours

History lives on

Thank you for listening.

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