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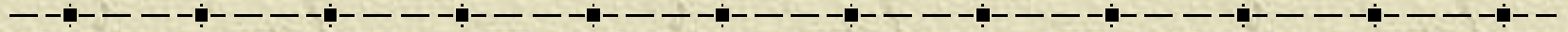


An Overview







Basic chronology



 **c. 3000 BCE: farming settlements appear along the valley of the river Indus**

 **in what is now Pakistan**

 **c. 2500 BCE: high point of the Indus Valley civilization**

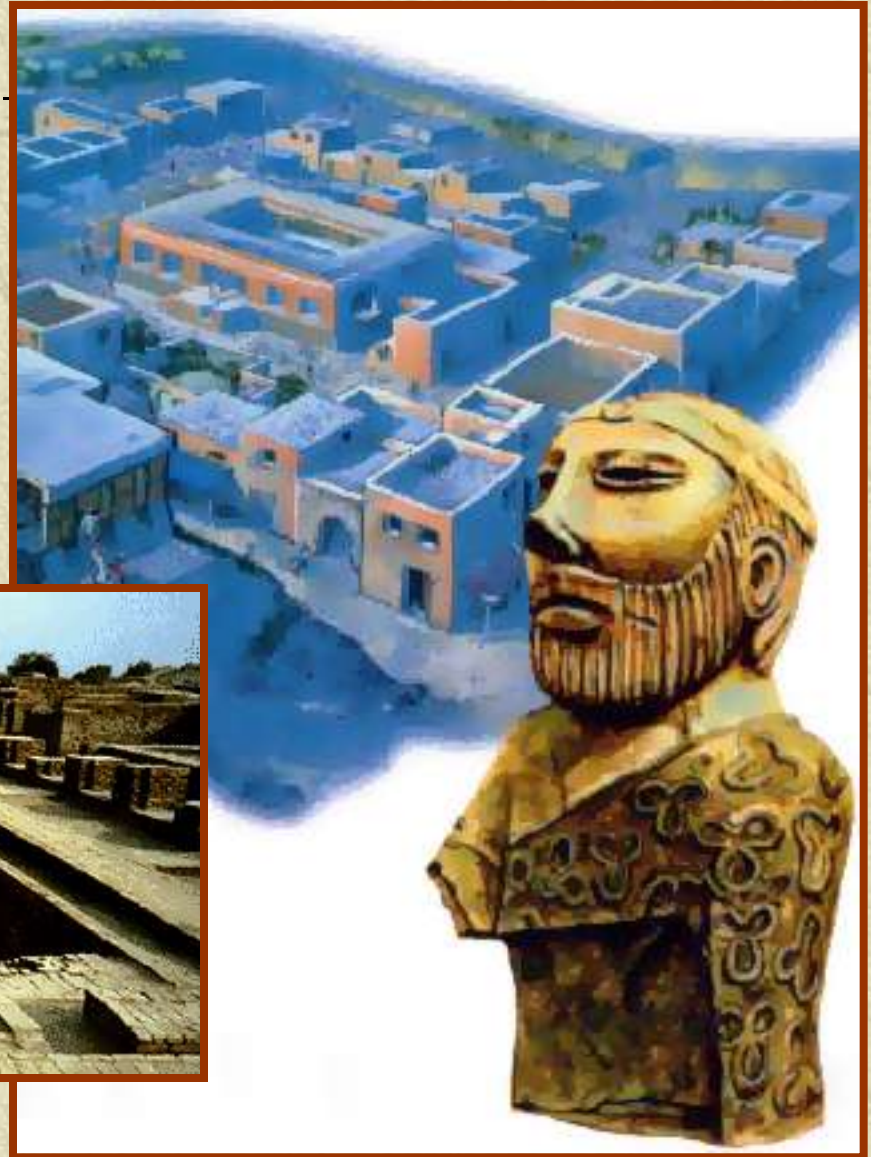
 **c. 2000 BCE: some Indus sites showing signs of decline**

 **c. 1500 BCE: the Aryan invasions**

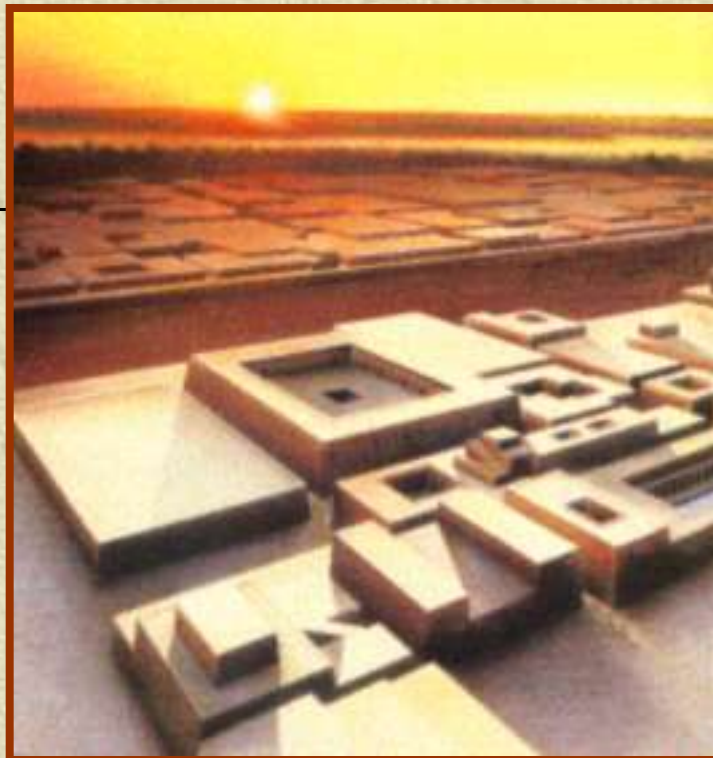
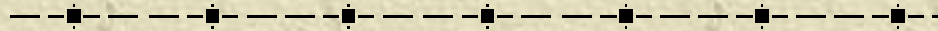


Indus Valley civilization

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- ✦ **Right: artist's recreation of Mohenjo-Daro**
 - ✦ **Below: Great Bath ruins**



Mohenjo-Daro



Everyday life





Mysterious signifiers

- ✦ Examples of the multitude of Harappan clay seals whose meaning(s) still elude us



Aryan invaders

✦ Below: an illustration of a scene from the *Rig-Veda*



Alien gods and values

- ✦ **Below: Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva**
- ✦ **Right: the monkey god**





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