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History of Ancient India		Vocabulary Builder	

Section 1

DIRECTIONS Read each description. On the lines below, write the letter of the term or place that best matches each description.

 1. most important language of ancient India	a. raja
 2. Aryan religious writings	b. Sanskrit
 3. Aryan leader who ruled a village and surrounding area	c. Vedas

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence. Fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

- 4. The ______ civilization along the Indus River was India's first civilization. (Aryan/Harappan)
- 5. Ancient writings known as the ______ are collections of poems, hymns, myths, and rituals. (Vedas/Sanskrit)
- 6. The leader of each village was given the title of ______. (Vedas/raja)
- 7. The ______ were invaders from Central Asia who may

have helped end the ______ civilization.

(Aryans/Harappans); (Aryan/Harappan)

8. _____ was the language of the

_____. (Vedas/Sanskrit); (Aryans/Harappans)

9. Mohenjo Daro and ______ were the largest ancient settlements along the Indus River. (Harappa/Delhi)