

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

1. The Mauryan Empire began after an army of _____ seized control of northern India. (**Asoka/mercenaries**)
2. _____ was a strong ruler who conquered other kingdoms and made his own empire 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. (**edicts/Huns**)
5. Under the _____, Hinduism became popular again, but the rulers also supported Buddhism and Jainism. (**Gupta Dynasty/Huns**)
6. Asoka had stone pillars carved with Buddhist _____ built. (**edicts/mercenaries**)
7. Under Emperor _____, Gupta society stretched all the way across northern India. The empire's economy strengthened and people prospered. (**Candra Gupta II/Candragupta Maurya**)