**III. Indus Valley Civilization**

1. Indus Valley

* 3rd major civilization to develop
* Know less about Indus Valley because their language has never been deciphered
* Largest of the ancient civilizations with a population of 5 million
* **Subcontinent –**

1. Environmental Challenges

* **Indus & Ganges Rivers –**
* Wall of mountains isolates India
* **Himalaya Mountains –**
* **Khyber Pass –**
* Yearly floods spread rich deposits of soil
* Floods along Indus River are very unpredictable

1. Planned Cities

* Most famous cities are Harappa and Moherjo-Daro
* Both had population over 200,000
* Very sophisticated city planning
* Built cities according to a precise grid system
* Also created sophisticated plumbing and sewage systems
* Almost every house had a private bathroom and flushable toilet
* Pipes connected each house and carried wastewater to underground sewer systems or the sea

1. Harappan Culture

* Indus Valley had a written language but we cannot decipher it

1. Mysterious End

* **1750 BC –**
* We do not know the exact reason why
* **1970s –**

1. Four Theories

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