

CHAPTER
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GUIDED READING *India's First Empires*

Section 1

A. Following Chronological Order As you read about the Mauryan and Gupta empires in India, take notes to answer the questions about the time line. (Some dates on the time line are approximate.)

321 B.C.	Chandragupta Maurya claims the throne and the Mauryan Dynasty begins.	→	1. How did Chandragupta support his successful war efforts?
301 B.C.	Chandragupta's son assumes the throne.	→	2. How did Chandragupta hold his vast empire together?
269 B.C.	Asoka, Chandragupta's grandson, becomes king of the Mauryan Empire.	→	3. Why did Asoka wage war early in his reign?
232 B.C.	Asoka dies and the empire begins to break up.	→	4. How did Asoka show concern for his subjects' well-being?
A.D. 320	Chandra Gupta I becomes first Gupta emperor.	→	5. What did Chandra Gupta I accomplish during his reign?
A.D. 335	Chandra Gupta's son Samudra becomes ruler.	→	6. What did Samudra accomplish during his reign?
A.D. 375	Chandra Gupta II becomes king.	↗	7. What was the significance of Chandra Gupta II's military victories?
		↘	8. What peaceful means did he use to strengthen his empire?

B. Making Inferences Explain how the terms **Tamil**, **matriarchal**, and **patriarchal** relate to daily life in India.
