

Prof Indus wksht (Indus River Valley)

Name _____

Google "Indus Valley Land of the Indus". While it's loading, get a set of headphones/earbuds from the bin(s) in the back of the room.

This website is sponsored by the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) for use by students within the United Kingdom (UK). [They have to learn about ancient civilizations just like you do!] You will notice references to the British Isles/UK and see alternate spellings for some words. (Try to find them!)

Directions:

1. Towards the bottom of the new page is a box that says "Activities." Click on the one that says "Professor Indus Game".
2. When it gets to the page that asks you if you want sound, say "yes" and plug in the headphones! (At school, the headphone jack may have to be jiggled a little.)
3. On your worksheet, there are two questions that ask you for definitions of words (#5 and #9). To access the glossary, type "Indus Valley glossary" in the Search box of the BBC website (not the "Google" search box). When you see it listed ("BBC - Primary History - Indus Valley - Glossary"), click on it to get the list of words.
4. **It is highly recommended that you read all of the questions first, so you don't skip any information that you'll need.** You can't go back page by page; you'll have to start over. (And you won't be able to fast forward either.) The questions should be in order. Be sure to hit all of the "next" buttons in each sub-section —until you don't see a "next" button anymore. (It could be several times in each section.) Go slow to go fast! Take your time. After you complete a question, read the next one so you know what information you should be looking for.

1. In what present day countries was the Indus Civilization?
2. Approximately how many settlements were discovered?
3. About how many people lived in Harappa?
4. What does "Mohenjo-Daro" mean? How many people lived here?
5. What is a citadel? Click on the word (or use the glossary (see directions #3) when you are done).

6. How did the brick used on First Street show an adaptation to the hot desert?

7. What did houses use to take away dirty water?

8. Why were the drains made big enough to walk through?

9. What is an "artefact"? Click on the word (or use the glossary (see directions #3) when you are done).

10. What were weights used for?

11 a. What animal is on the seal that is shown?

b. What other animals have been found on the seals?

12. Give examples of the useful objects in the "Useful Objects" room of the museum. Tell how they might be useful:

You are finished when you get to the slide that says, "When we get back, we'll have to tell everyone about the amazing Indus civilization!"

13. Here are the 5 traits of a civilization. Using your notes or this website, how could you "prove" that the people of the Indus River Valley were a civilization?

Trait of Civilization	Artifacts from the Indus River Valley that could be used as evidence
Advanced cities	
Specialization	
Complex institutions	
Record-keeping	
Advanced technology	