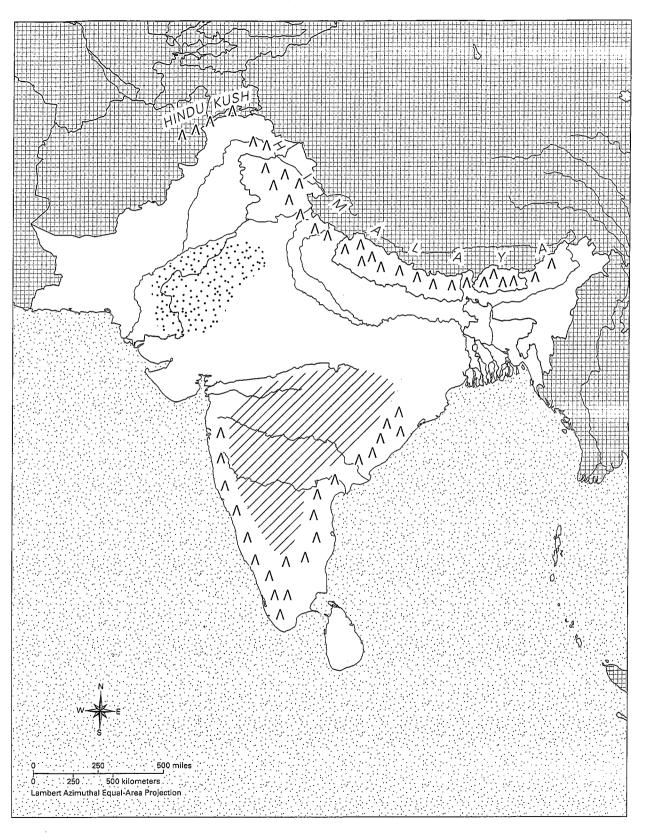
Ancient India



Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in "Setting the Stage" for Unit 3 in your book. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

- 1. Which bodies of water surround the southern part of ancient India? Label them on your map.
- 2. India is part of which continent?
- 3. Locate the Indus, Ganges, and Brahmaputra rivers on your map and label them.
- 4. Between what two mountain ranges is the Deccan Plateau located? Label these mountains and the plateau.
- 5. Locate the Himalayas on your map and circle the label. What makes this mountain range unique?
- 6. Look at the large map of ancient India in the Unit 3 "Setting the Stage" in your book. Also look at the small map that shows the Mauryan Empire, an empire in ancient India. Describe the geographical boundaries of the Mauryan Empire.
- 7. Now look in your book at the small map of the Gupta Empire. Which empire was larger, the Mauryan or the Gupta?
- 8. Into what body of water does the Indus River empty? The Ganges River?

Critical Thinking

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

9. What geographic factors do you think encouraged the growth of civilization in the Indus River valley?

10. Predict how the location of the Himalayas, as well as their height, affected the development of civilization in ancient India.

11. What advantages would there have been to settling along the Indus River near its mouth at the Arabian Sea, as opposed to farther inland? What disadvantages might there have been to this location?