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**Chapter 4 Section 1**

**The Indus and Ganges River Valleys**

**I. India’s geographic setting**

 **A. Monsoon climate**

 **1.Winter monsoons bring dry air**

 **2. People depend on summer monsoons for**

 **rain for crops**

** B. Barriers and pathways**

 **1. Himalayas form barrier between India and**

 **other lands**

 **2. Indus and Ganges rivers flow from the Himalayas**

**II. Life in the Indus River Valley**

 **A. Ancient city planners**

 **1. Mohenjo-Daro built above ground level**

 **2. Buildings were laid out in blocks**

 **3. Citadel was at city’s highest point**

 **4. Clay pipes under the streets carried**

 **waste from homes and public buildings**

 **B. Life in Mohenjo-Daro**

** 1. City active with merchants, artisans, and traders**

 **2. People enjoyed toys, pets, games, and music**

** 3. Language, writing, government, and religion are unknown to historians**

 **C. Mysterious decline**

** 1. Around 2000 B.C., Indus Valley farmers began to abandon their land**

 **2. Between 2000 and 1500 B.C., newcomers from the north entered the valley**

**III. A new culture arises**

 **A. Aryan culture spreads**

 **1. Combined traditions of original inhabitants with ideas and beliefs brought by Aryans**

 **2. Spread from Indus Valley to Ganges Valley**

** B. Aryan life**

 **1. Religious leaders were priests, called Brahmans**

 **2. Society was organized into four classes**

 **C. Social order**

 **1. By 500 B.C., there was a strict division of classes**

 **2. People had to stay in the caste, or class, of**

 **their parents**