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Mauryan Empire

The Mauryas Unify India

Chandragupta Maurya was the first leader of the _____ Empire.

He conquered the kingdoms of northern India with an army of 700,000 soldiers and 9,000 _____

Chandragupta was a cruel ruler; however he also created a strong central government, helped agriculture, and built an advanced system of roads.

He became an _____ during the end of his life.

An ascetic is a person who gives up worldly _____

King Ashoka

King Ashoka was Chandragupta's _____, and ruled the Mauryan Empire during its height from _____

King Ashoka was a kind and peaceful leader that was a strong believer in _____ and treated his subjects like his own children.

King Ashoka was _____ in the spread of Buddhism to other parts of Asia.

His son Mahinda converted modern day _____ to Buddhism.

Ashoka's Edicts

In order to spread Buddhist values and create a strong empire, Ashoka posted _____ throughout India.

An edict is a _____ that is obeyed like a law.

Ashoka's edicts promoted four main goals; Buddhist values, _____, justice, and security.

Although the Mauryan Empire broke apart about 45 years after Ashoka's death, his true lasting legacy is spreading Buddhism to other parts of Asia!