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Life in the Indus Valley

Read the text carefully and then answer the following questions in as much detail as you can.

1. Where was the Indus Valley civilisation?
2. When did the Indus Valley civilisation begin?
3. How do we know that the Indus Valley civilisation was advanced for its time?
4. When and why did the Indus Valley civilisation begin to decline?
5. How were the lost cities of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa first discovered?
6. Explain why the cities were built near rivers.
7. What types of buildings were in the cities? Describe their purposes.
8. Why do you think some people chose not to live in the cities?
9. Evidence shows that the Indus Valley civilisation probably did not have any priests or kings. Do you agree? What do you think the rulers of the cities were and what was their role?
10. What features did the houses have that reflected the physical environment of the city? Draw a picture of what you think a typical house may have looked like and label the features.
11. Would you have liked to have lived in the Indus Valley civilisation? Explain your answer in detail.
12. Exploration and excavation of the Indus Valley civilisation is still ongoing. If you could ask an archaeologist or historian any question about the Indus Valley civilisation, what would it be? Why?

Challenge:

Can you design and draw your own Indus Valley civilisation city?

What would you call it?

What features would it have?