TGA Lesson Plan

Geography of the Indus Valley

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| Grade Level: 6 | Course Title: 6th Grade Social Studies |
| TN State Standard(s) | **6.23** Locate and describe the Himalayas and the major river systems, including Indus and Ganges and evaluate the importance of each. |
| Connection to CCSS | [CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RH/6-8/1/)Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. |
| Time Required | One 45 minute class period *\*students will need access to computers or teacher will need to print materials or use maps from student textbooks* |
| Lesson Outline | Have students consider the following question (possibly as a Bell ringer): *If you were going to start your own city from scratch, where would you put it and why? What would you be looking for in a location?* >Teacher may have students write an answer or simply participate in a group discussion.Review with students the characteristics of civilizations previously discussed. Have students predict the following: 1. What will the Indus Valley civilization have in common with previous civilizations we have discussed?
2. What do you predict will be different about the Indus Valley civilization?

Students will participate in a web quest to further analyze the geography of India and what made it an ideal location for the beginnings of a civilization.Have students log on to a computer and pass out the Student Handout (see below). Direct them to the following websites.1. Website #1 - Interactive Map of India: <http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/ca/books/bkf3/imaps/AC_07_215_india/AC_07_215_india.html>
2. Website #2 - Land of the Indus: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/indus_valley/land_of_the_indus/>
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**Student Handout**

**Using Website #1:**

On the map, draw and label the Himalayan Mountain Range, the Indus River, and Ganges River:



What resources are located near the Indus and Ganges rivers?

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**Using Website #2:**

What are the benefits of settling in a valley? Why not settle on a mountain?

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Why was it so important to settle near a river? What do rivers provide?

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