



# TGA Lesson Plan

## Geography of the Indus Valley

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<b>Grade Level: 6</b>	<b>Course Title: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies</b>
<b>TN State Standard(s)</b>	<b>6.23</b> Locate and describe the Himalayas and the major river systems, including Indus and Ganges and evaluate the importance of each.
<b>Connection to CCSS</b>	<u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.1</u> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
<b>Time Required</b>	One 45 minute class period <i>*students will need access to computers or teacher will need to print materials or use maps from student textbooks</i>
<b>Lesson Outline</b>	<p>Have students consider the following question (possibly as a Bell ringer): <i>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?</i></p> <p>&gt;Teacher may have students write an answer or simply participate in a group discussion.</p> <p>Review with students the characteristics of civilizations previously discussed. Have students predict the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What will the Indus Valley civilization have in common with previous civilizations we have discussed?</li> <li>2) What do you predict will be different about the Indus Valley civilization?</li> </ol> <p>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.</p> <p>Have students log on to a computer and pass out the Student Handout (see below). Direct them to the following websites.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Website #1 - Interactive Map of India: <a href="http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/ca/books/bkf3/imaps/AC_07_215_india/AC_07_215_india.html">http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/ca/books/bkf3/imaps/AC_07_215_india/AC_07_215_india.html</a></li> <li>2) Website #2 - Land of the Indus: <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/indus_valley/land_of_the_indus/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/indus_valley/land_of_the_indus/</a></li> </ol>

## 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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