

Gupta Achievement Olympics

SYNTHESIS

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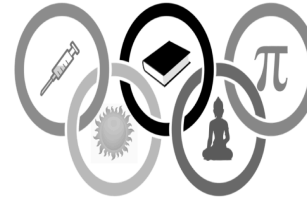
Which three pieces of evidence best support the reason why the Gupta Empire was called the Golden Age in India's history?

1. _____
Why? _____

2. _____
Why? _____

3. _____
Why? _____

JUDGE'S NAME _____ DATE _____ PERIOD _____



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WHY WAS THE GUPTA EMPIRE A GOLDEN AGE IN INDIA'S HISTORY?
WHY DO THEY DESERVE THE GOLD?

SCORECARD

Event 1: Literature

1. What types of writing did the Gupta create?
2. Which of these types of writings do you think would have the greatest impact on the Gupta culture? Explain why.
3. Read the text from the *Puranas*. Summarize what is happening in that text.
4. What is Sanskrit?
5. Select a phrase and practice writing it in Sanskrit.

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Event 2: Architecture

1. What was the purpose of much of the buildings made in the Gupta Empire? (What were they for?)
2. Explain why it is so impressive that these brick and stone buildings were made in the 500s.
3. Look at Exhibit 2.2 of the Indian Temple *Dasavatara*. Compare it to the Mayan temples. Which Mayan temple is most similar to it and in what ways?
4. Which Mayan temple is most different to *Dasavatara* and in what ways?



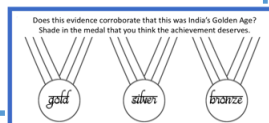
Event 10 – Built Universities

1. Who could attend college and what classes were offered?
2. List some evidence from 10.1 that would support the claim that the Gupta universities were very advanced. What is in the text or pictures that supports the claim?
3. Based on the picture in 10.2, what is cataract surgery?
4. How is the surgery described in 10.2 similar to surgery performed today?
5. How is it different?



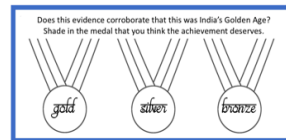
Event 3: Mathematics

1. Which of the following claims is best supported by the text?
 - a. Gupta mathematicians developed the decimal system.
 - b. We still use the Arabic number system today.
 - c. The Gupta came up with advanced math systems that we still use.
 - d. Hindu mathematicians were so advanced to develop a number system using zero.
2. Explain why your answer above is correct.
3. Explain what the picture on 3.1 demonstrates (shows).
4. Play the Place Value Card Stacking Game and write your score below.



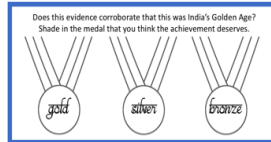
Event 11 – Roads

1. How do roads benefit a society?
2. Look at Exhibit 11.3. List 3 ways its location benefits India?
3. Look at Exhibit 11.3. How are the location of cities and the trade routes related? Which do you think came first?
4. For 5 of the symbols on Exhibit 11.2, explain why you think they are located where they are and how the location benefited this advancement. Who might they have been influenced by? How might their ideas impacted others?



Event 8- Sculpture

1. What was the focus of sculpture in the Gupta Empire?
2. Write 3 interesting observations about the sculptures of Buddha.



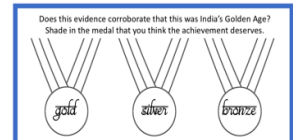
Event 9 – Paintings

1. How did wealthy people come to own art?
2. Describe the Ajanta Caves?
3. Examine Exhibit 9.2. Who do you think the people in the painting are?
4. Examine Exhibit 9.3. Read the words in the source description at the bottom of the page. Based on all of this information and the images in the mural, what do you think is going on in the picture?



Event 4 - Astronomy

1. What was so impressive about Aryabhata?
2. What text feature shows the definition of "axis"?
3. What is the heliocentric theory?
4. Watch the video that is linked to exhibit 4. Draw how moon phases work.



Event 5 – More Astronomy

1. Make the model.
2. Explain how the earth, moon and sun interact.

Glue or staple your heliocentric model on this page when you are finished with that event.

Event 6 - Medicine

E#	Based on the picture, what do you think about their advancement in medicine?	What does the fact that they need this procedure tell you about life in Medieval India?
6.2		
6.3		
6.4		
6.5		
6.6		
6.7		

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Event 7 - Metallurgy

1. How did the Gupta have so much gold and copper?
2. What is so impressive about Gupta ironwork?



3. Design a coin dedicated to a Gupta achievement that includes:
 1. "The Gupta Empire"
 2. The name of the achievement
 3. A Picture that represents the achievement
 4. Key words to show the impact of the achievement

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