

The Indus Valley

History

Year 4

Lesson 6 of 6

Learning Objective		Resources
To find out about the decline of the Indus Valley civilisation.		Slides Theory Cards Evidence Cards Worksheet 6A/6B EUQ (plenary only)
Teaching Input		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go through the information on the slide detailing the decline of the Indus Valley civilisation. Why do we not know more information? Think, pair, share. Remind the children that no one has been able to decode Indus writing and the civilisation lived such a long time ago we are unlikely to get any more detailed accurate information. Why do you think the civilisation declined? Think, pair, share? Go through the theories about the decline on the slide. Which theory do you think is most likely? Why? Think, pair, share. 		
Main Activity		
<p><u>Lower ability:</u></p> <p>Provide the children with the Theory Cards and the Evidence Cards. Some of the Evidence Cards will support the theories, some will not. Challenge the children to match the evidence to the theory and decide which theory they think is most likely to be correct.</p>	<p><u>Middle ability:</u></p> <p>Provide the children with worksheet 6A and the Evidence Cards. They will write the evidence that supports and opposes each theory. Then they will conclude what they think the most likely reason the civilisation declined is.</p>	<p><u>Higher ability:</u></p> <p>Provide the children with worksheet 6B. The historian's boss wants to know why the civilisation declined. Can they write a presentation to explain what the theories are and why no one can say definitely what the reason for the decline is? You may need to provide the children with the Theory Cards for reference.</p>
Fancy something different...?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide the children with plain paper. The children will create a poster showing what they think the most likely reason the Indus Valley Civilisation declined and vanished was and why. The poster should aim to persuade the reader that the author's chosen theory is the most likely reason the civilisation declined. 		
Plenary	Assessment Questions	
<p>End of Unit Quiz!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children list the theories why the Indus Valley civilisation declined? Can children say the evidence that supports and opposes the theories on the decline of the Indus Valley civilisation? Can children say which theory they think is most likely and why? 	