**Copy the following words and definitions; underline/highlight 3-5 key words in each definition. Under each, pick 1 activity to do (colorful picture, meaningful sentence, or 3 synonyms). Must do 4 of each activity- 4 pictures, 4 sentences, 4 synonyms.**

**INDIA VOCABULARY- ITEM 2**

1. **subcontinent-** a large isolated landmass that is smaller than a continent
2. **monsoon-** a strong wind that brings heavy rain to southern Asia in the summer
3. **Indus and Ganges Rivers-** two of the most important geographic features in India, providing water and fertile soil
4. **alluvial plain-**  is a largely flat landform created by the deposit of sediment over a long period of time by one or more rivers
5. **Harrapa-**one of the first cities in India, where the Bronze Age of culture grew and succeeded
6. **Mohenjo-daro-** a city in South Asia, where the Indus Valley civilization lived between 2500-1700 BCE
7. **granary-** a building used for storing crops, such as wheat
8. **citadel-** a large protective wall
9. **caste-** a class or group in Hindu/Indian society
10. **Mauryan Empire-** an empire from about 322-187 BCE when India was unified for the first time
11. **Ashoka-** the ruler of the Mauryan Empire from about 268-232 BCE and spread Buddhist values across Asia
12. **Gupta Empire**- the empire from about 320-550 CE that had many achievements in arts, architecture, sciences, religion, and philosophy