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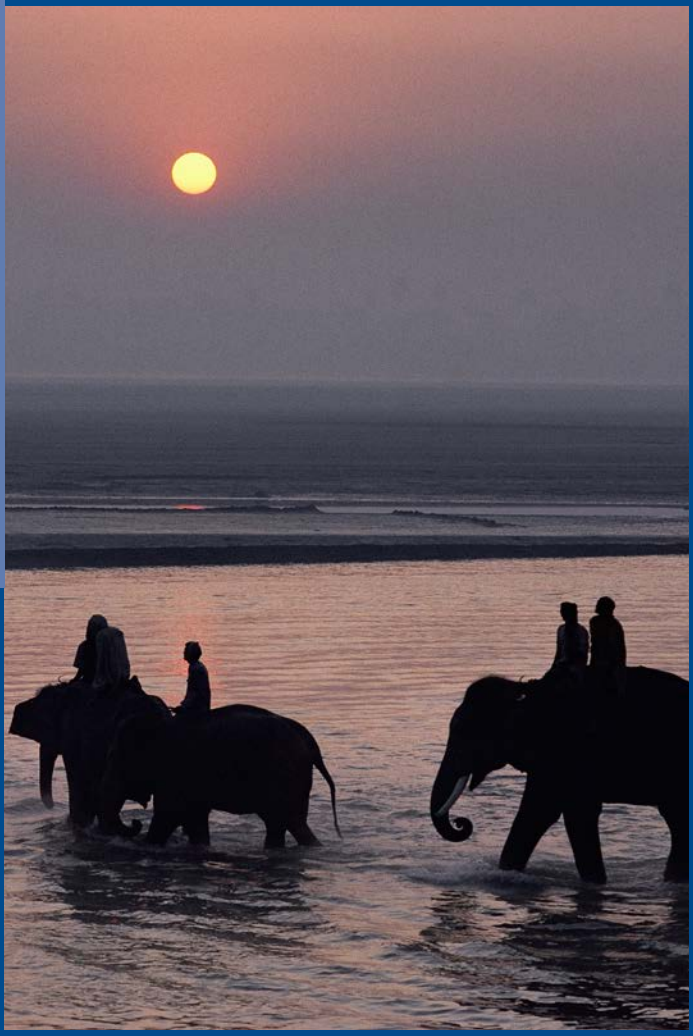


# The Rivers and Ancient Empires of China and India

# Dictionary

A

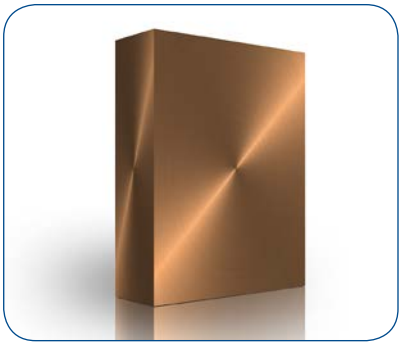
### alluvial soils

Material deposited by a stream or by running water.

B

### bronze

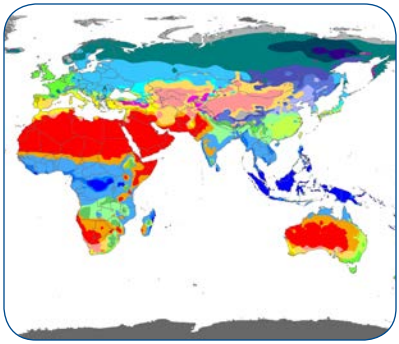
A yellowish-brown metal that is made by mixing copper and tin.



C

### caste

A social class based on hereditary or marital status.



## climate

The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.

## crop

A type of plant, or the seasonal production of plants, grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.

## dredging

Removing sand, silt, or mud from the bottom of a body of water.

D

## dynasty

A sequence of rulers from the same family or group.

E

## ecosystem goods

Materials, such as timber and water, produced by natural systems, that are used by humans.

## ecosystem services

Processes that take place in nature, such as pollination, that support or produce things that help sustain human life, economies, and cultures.

H

## high pressure

A condition in which the atmospheric pressure of a mass of air is greater than that of the surrounding air.

## humidity

The amount of water vapor in the air.

I

## irrigation

A system that provides water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.

J

### jet stream

A fast corridor of air flowing 20,000 feet to 30,000 feet (6,096 meters to 9,144 meters) above Earth.

L

### levee

A raised bank beside a river, formed naturally, or built to control flooding.

M

### monsoon

A seasonal wind that brings heavy rains and flooding.

N

**nomad**

A member of a tribal people with no permanent home, who travels to find food, pasture, and water for livestock.

O

**oracle**

A person who divines the future.

P

**plateau**

A large, flat area of land that is higher than the surrounding land.

S

## surplus

The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one's own needs.

T

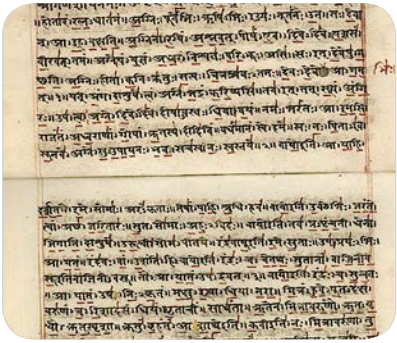
## tectonic plate

A massive piece of solid rock that "drifts" on the surface of Earth's crust.

V

## Vedas

The most ancient of Sanskrit literature and Hindu scriptures, comprised of hymns to various deities.



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