



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 4-3

India's First Empires

Directions: Reading for Accuracy Reading the section and completing the activity below will help you learn more about India's first empires. Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank, and if a statement is false, rewrite it correctly on the line.

_____ 1. Both the Persians and Alexander the Great invaded the Indus Valley.

_____ 2. India's first empire, founded by the Indian prince Chandragupta Maurya, was located in the Indus River valley.

_____ 3. Chandragupta used a strong centralized government to run his empire.

_____ 4. The great Buddhist king Asoka persecuted his Hindu subjects for their religious beliefs.

_____ 5. The Gupta empire grew wealthy through decades of war and conquest.

_____ 6. The Guptas made Hinduism the official religion and built many Hindu shrines to their gods and goddesses.

_____ 7. The *Mahabharata* is the longest poem in any written language.

_____ 8. The teachings in the Bhavagad Gita and the *Mahabharata* contain many of the central beliefs of Buddhism.

_____ 9. Euclid was the leading mathematician of the Gupta empire.

_____ 10. Early Indians invented mathematical algorithms that computer programmers use today to tell computers what to do.
