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HISTORY (Ch. – 4.)

CHAPTER NAME: THE FIRST CITIES.

TOPIC :- THE TOWN PLANNING

Most of the cities of this civilization were divided into two parts. The western part was built on a higher ground called the citadel .

The citadel had high walls which provided protection during the floods.

Its contained important buildings :- granary, fire altars, the great bath of Mohenjodaro.

Most probably, the ruling class lived in the Citadels .

The lower town was in the eastern part .

It was on the lower level than the citadel but was larger than the citadel.

It contained the houses and workplaces of the common people.

Use of baked bricks.

Use of baked bricks give a strength to the buildings of this civilization.

Bricks were used in buildings, Street and drains .

In all their constructions, the bricks were fitted tightly making the buildings strong and rigid .

The use of baked bricks in the construction of their buildings was the unique achievement of the Harappan culture .

Well – planned houses .

The residential buildings in the lower towns were a strong and a sturdy as they were made of baked bricks.

The walls were strong and thick .

Each house had a bathroom, a kitchen and a large courtyard .

Most houses also had a well; it suggested that the people were aware of water conservation.
