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Ch3-The First Cities (History) Revision

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The world's first cities

The people of Indus Valley built the first planned cities. Until the 1920s, the Aryan culture dating back to 1500 BCE was thought to be India's oldest civilization. But in 1921, archaeologists unearthed the ruins of an entire city on the banks of the River Indus in western India. This discovery showed that India's civilization went back much further, to 2300 BCE. The city, Harappa, and another ancient city, Mohenjo-daro (shown here), are known as "the twin capitals" of the Indus Valley civilization. Both cities were planned, unlike cities in other ancient civilizations, which had grown from villages to towns to cities. They were built on a grid pattern, with wide roads dividing them in rectangular or square blocks packed with mud-brick buildings. Many of the buildings were several stories high.

