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**Answer Worksheet - 3**

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Topic: Periods of Indian History

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**Answer the following:**

**1. Why is India known as Bharat or Bharatvarsha?**

India has been referred by many names. It is a country in south Asia whose name comes from the Indus River. In Sanskrit language, the country India is known as Bharata. The name Bharata is originated from the Mahabharata and Puranas where it is also called as Bharat Varsam. According to Mahabharata, popular story states that India was called Bharatvarsha after the name of the brave king Bharata Chakravarti. Bharata conquered the whole sub-continent of India and ruled the land in peace and harmony.

**Write short notes on the following.**

**2. Medieval period of Indian history.**

The Medieval period of India began in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. It is an important period in the history of India. This period dealt with people and events that took place between the ancient and the modern times. Medieval period also developed in the field of art, language, culture and religion. This period ended with the fall of Mughal Empire in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

**3. Harshavardhana**

Harshavardhana was an Indian emperor who ruled over the northern parts of India. Harshavardhana was also known as Harsha. He was a member of the Vardhana dynasty. The capital of Harsha was Kanauj. Harsha was a great patron of art and literature. The Chinese traveller Hiung Tsang visited India during his reign and spoke highly of the rule of Harsha. The Dana ceremony was practiced by Harsha at Prayag. He gave away all wealth he gathered over the previous years.

**4. Mahatma Gandhi.**

The Indian nationalist leader Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1869 at Porbandar. He was the leader of India's non-violent independence movement against British. He stressed the importance of economic independence for India. Satyagraha movement was started by Gandhiji. He started the manufacture and use of khaddar or home spun cloth in order to replace imported textile. He is considered as the Father of the Nation and is popularly called Mahatma Gandhi.

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