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Social Study

Answer Worksheet - 8

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Topic: Sources of Prehistory and History

Write short note on the following

1. Faxian

Faxian was a Chinese Buddhist monk and translator who travelled from China to India on foot. He visited sacred Buddhist sites in Central Asia. Faxian was the first Chinese monk to have travelled to India in search of great Buddhist scriptures. He visited India during the reign of Chandragupta II. The book Faxian wrote gives a detailed description of the social and economic condition of India at that time.

2 Chandragupta Maurya

Chandragupta Maurya was the founder of Maurya Empire in ancient India. He was taught and counselled by the philosopher Chanakya. Chanakya had a great influence in the formation of the Mauryan empire. Chandragupta was a great administrator. He made a powerful and organised army. He conquered various territories and extended his empire up to the South.

3. Qutub Minar

Qutub Minar was built in the 13th century a few kilometres south of Delhi. It was built by Qutub- ud-din Aibak. The red sandstone tower of Qutub Minar is 72.5 metre high. Qutub Minar is considered as the earliest Islamic structure in India with both Arabic and Brahmi inscriptions. Qutub Minar is a real master piece of Mughal Islamic craftsmanship.

4. What is the job of a historian?

A historian is a person who studies and writes about the past. He uses both archaeological and literary sources to reconstruct the past. He also verifies information and analyses them before reconstructing the past. Historians study historical texts preserved in archives (collection of historical documents) and libraries. Historians do not always visit excavation sites.