

Making Inferences

There are 2 parts to this worksheet. You are to complete both parts. Write or type your answers on a separate piece of paper.

1. Read these quotations from the story and for each quotation see how many inferences you can make about the ancient civilization of the Indus Valley.

- a) “The citadel was the center of religion and government for Mohenjo-Daro’s 35,000 people. In the middle of the citadel was the Great Bath. It was a huge, deep bath with steps leading into it. The people used it for religious purposes because they believed water to be a great purifier.”
- b) “Indatri remembered the great granary in Mohenjo-Daro where the grain was stored. It was a huge building made of thousands of fired bricks and could hold enough food to feed the entire city for a long time.”
- c) “Closing her eyes, Indatri could see herself running through the wide main streets of Mohenjo-Daro. The main streets ran from north to south. There were smaller streets that ran from east to west and even narrower lanes that divided the houses.”
- d) “She passed the many craft workshops not yet open for business and soon reached the waterfront.” and “(Yamuru) was carefully unpacking her best pottery. She was so pleased that the fine pots with their beautiful designs had not been broken on the journey.”
- e) “Arranged on a colorful cotton cloth were ,” and “Avara’s seal, a horned bull, looked very fine resting against his colorful cotton robe.”

2. Answer the following questions.

1. The black birds

In the story Life in the Indus Valley you learned why birds were taken aboard the sea going ships. Today ships do not carry birds for this purpose. What has replaced the birds?

2. Hygiene

The cities of the Indus Valley were cleaner, and a healthier place to live, than many cities of other civilizations of the time.

Choose a quotation from the story that supports this view.