The Achievements of the Gupta Empire

Why is the period during the Gupta Empire known as a "golden age"?

PREVIEW

Historians sometimes use the term "golden age" to describe a specific time period in history. Consider this term by answering the following questions. You may write or draw your responses.

What do you think a "golden age" is?

What might a "golden age" look like in an ancient civilization? Think about each of the following areas and describe it in a "golden age.":

Government	
Arts	
Writing	
Technology	
Education	

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READING NOTES

Social Studies Vocabulary

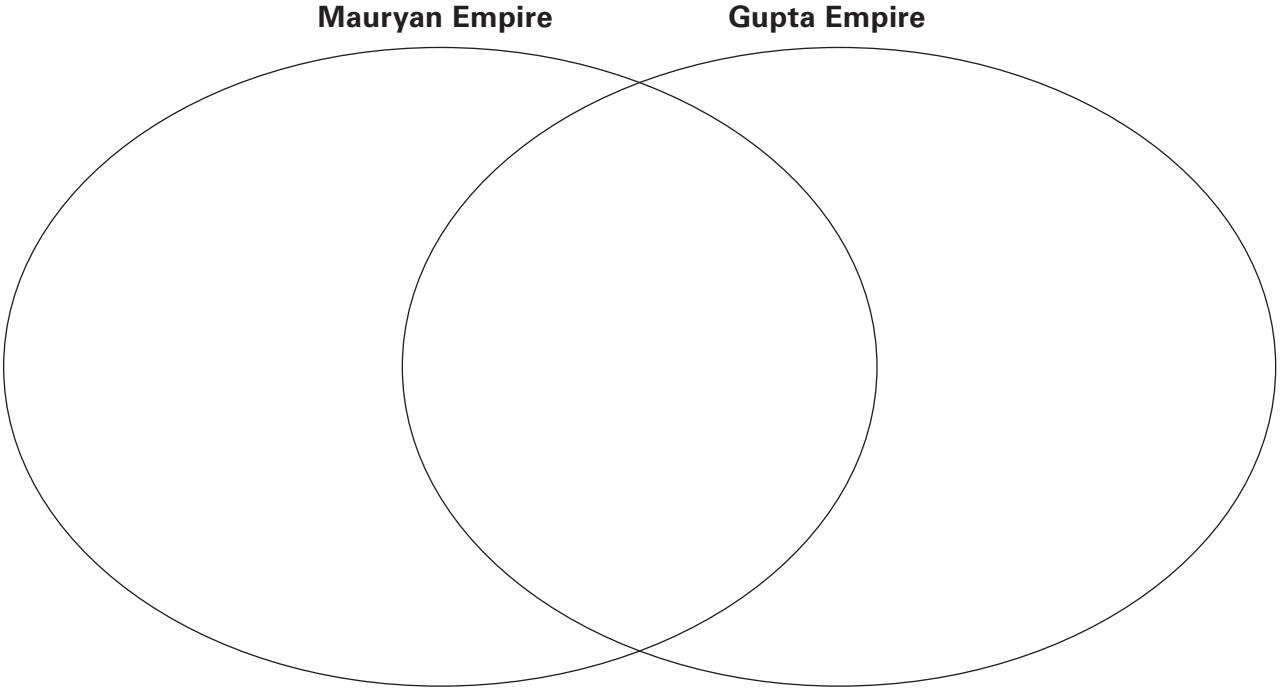
As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Gupta Empire	province	philosophy
alliance	golden age	

Section 1

1. How did the Guptas build and expand their empire?

2. Compare and contrast the governments of the Mauryan Empire and the Gupta Empire by completing the Venn diagram below. List the similarities between the empires in the overlapping area of the diagram. List the differences between the empires on the appropriate sides of the diagram.



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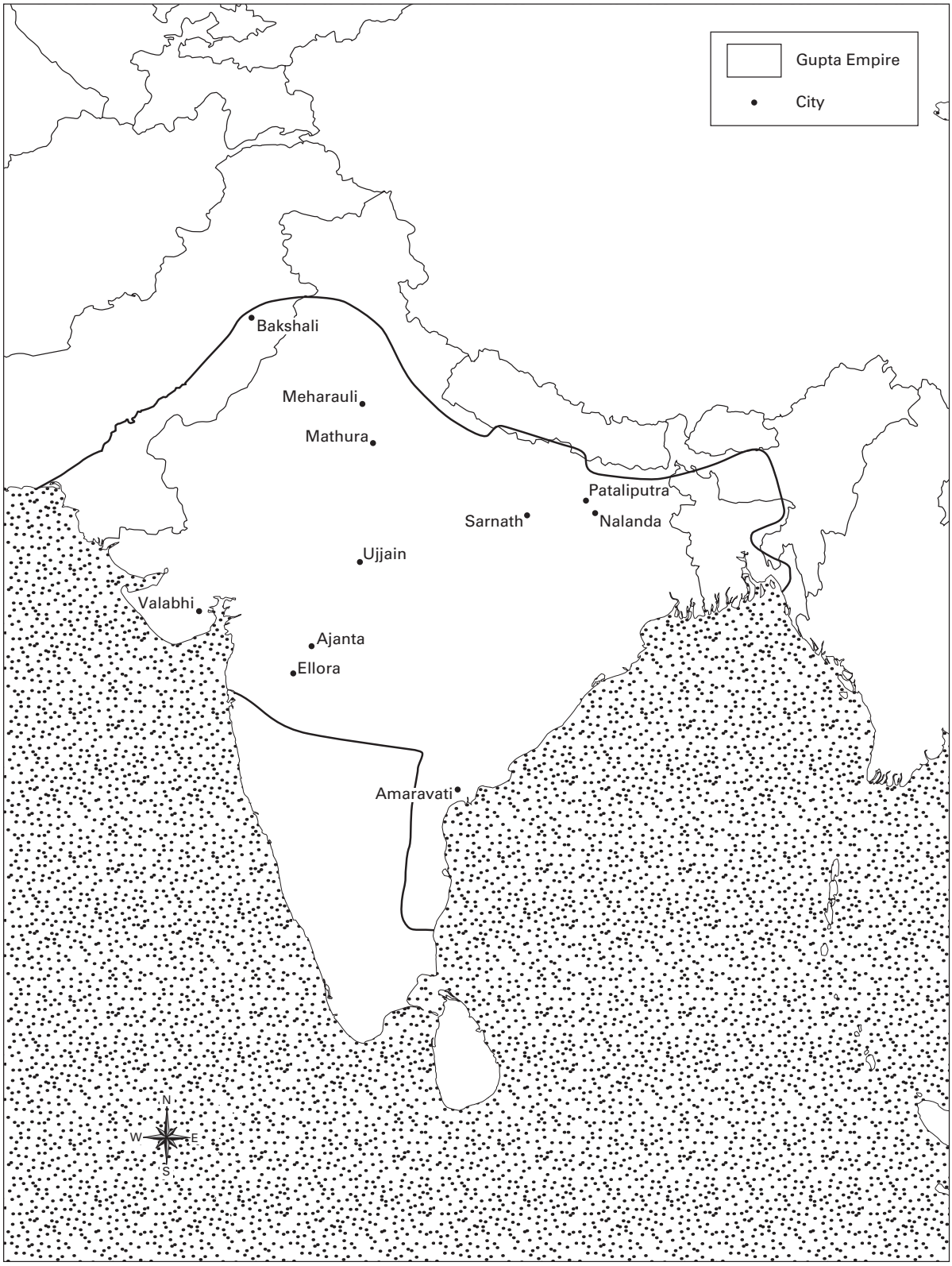
3. Shade in the Gupta Empire on the map. Fill in the box in the key to match the color of the area you shade on the map.

Achievements of the Gupta Empire, 320–550 C.E.



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Sections 2 to 8

As you read each section, complete the matrix for that section.

- List the achievement and draw a simple symbol that represents the achievement.
- Describe three or more important details about the achievement.
- Explain how this achievement shows that the Gupta Empire was a "golden age."

Section	Achievement and Symbol	Details About the Achievement	How does this achievement show that the Gupta Empire was a "golden age"?
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PROCESSING

Write a paragraph that answers the Essential Question: *Why is the period during the Gupta Empire known as a "golden age"?*

In your paragraph, introduce the Gupta Empire and define in your own words the term "golden age." To support your answer, use at least three examples of achievements you learned about on your tour of ancient India.

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