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| **FALL 2011 SYLLABUS FOR SATPURA**  **THEME: Understanding our Past -- introduction to Indian history** | | | | |
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| **MONTH** | **2011-12 DATES** | **WEEK** | **TOPICS** | **IDEAS AND NOTES** |
| SEPT | 11 | W1 | INTRODUCTION TO CLASS- | INTRODUCTION TO CLASS- REVIEW LAST YEAR’S MATERIAL  DISCUSS INDEPENDENCE DAY IN A HISTORICAL CONTEXT |
|  | 18 | W2 | INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION- READ AND | EXPLAIN THE EXCITING EXCAVATION OF THE INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION  WHEN DID WE DISCOVER IT?  WHAT DID IT TELL US ABOUT ANCIENT INDIA  GIVE STUDENTS AN OUTLINE MAP OF INDIA AND HAVE THEM DRAW OUT THE EXTENT AND REACH OF THE INDUS VALLEY CIV.  PROVIDE A SLIDESHOW/PICTURES ABOUT THIS ANCIENT WORLD  COMPARE IT TO OTHER LOST CIVILIZATIONS  USE PLAYDOUGH AND MAKE SOME SEALS/FIGURINES |
|  | 25 | W3 | DIWALI PREP |  |
| OCT | 2 | W4 | DIWALI PREP |  |
|  | 9 | W5 | Closed-Columbus day |  |
|  | 16 | W6 | DIWALI PREP |  |
|  | 23 | W7 | DIWALI PREP |  |
|  | 30 | W8 | DIWALI PREP |  |
| NOV | 6 | W9 | DIWALI EVENT |  |
|  | 13 | W10 | REVIEW MATERIAL ABOUT THE INDUS VALLEY  INTRODUCE THE COMING OF THE VEDIC AGE | GIVE A JEOPARDY STYLE QUIZ ON WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED  SKETCH OUT THE BASICS OF THE ARYAN INVASION.  LET KIDS ACT OUT A ROLE PLAY OF THE ARYAN INVASION AND WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENDED TO THE HARRAPAN PEOPLE.  INTRODUCE THE MAIN VEDIC TEXTS AND COMPARE IT TO OTHER RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS  TEACH THEM A HYMN FROM THE RIG VEDA.  REQUEST DR. GUPTA TO GIVE A BRIEF DEMONSTRATION |
|  | 20 | W11 | BUDDHA | PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR THE RISE OF BUDDHISM  DISCUSS THE SOCIAL ILLS THAT HAD DEVELOPED SUCH AS THE CASTE SYSTEM, RITUALIZATION AND SO ON |
|  | 27 | W12 | Closed- Thanksgiving |  |
| DEC | 4 | W13 | BUDDHA | CONTINUE WITH STORIES OF THE BUDDHA AND THE ROLE HE PLAYED IN REFORMING INDIAN SOCIETY  STUDENTS CAN ACT OUT DIFFERENT PHASES OF THIS LIFE  TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT MEDITATION  DISCUSS HOW BUDDHIST STYLE MEDITATION HAS NOW BECOME VERY POPULAR ALL OVER THE WORLD AND WE NOW HAVE “AMERICAN BUDDHISM” |
|  | 11 | W14 | REVIEW | REVIEW THE SEMESTER’S WORK AND CHECK TO SEE IF CHILDREN HAVE A FOLDER OF MATERIAL TO SHOW PARENTS |
|  | 18 | W15 | NO CULTURE CLASS—EXAM DAY |  |