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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 MATERIALDISCUSS INDEPENDENCE DAY IN A HISTORICAL CONTEXT |
|   | 18 | W2 | INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION- READ AND  | EXPLAIN THE EXCITING EXCAVATION OF THE INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATIONWHEN DID WE DISCOVER IT?WHAT DID IT TELL US ABOUT ANCIENT INDIAGIVE 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 WORLDCOMPARE IT TO OTHER LOST CIVILIZATIONSUSE 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 VALLEYINTRODUCE THE COMING OF THE VEDIC AGE | GIVE A JEOPARDY STYLE QUIZ ON WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNEDSKETCH 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 TRADITIONSTEACH 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 BUDDHISMDISCUSS 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 SOCIETYSTUDENTS CAN ACT OUT DIFFERENT PHASES OF THIS LIFETEACH STUDENTS ABOUT MEDITATIONDISCUSS 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 |  |