

States After the Maurya Empire

Chapter 8: States After the Maurya Empire · Topic 1

Key Concept

After the Maurya Empire's decline around 185 BCE, India saw the rise of several regional kingdoms rather than one central power.

The Shunga dynasty rose in the north after the Mauryas, while other kingdoms emerged in different regions of India.

Foreign invaders, like the Indo-Greeks, Shakas, and Kushanas, also established kingdoms in northwestern India during this period.

This period of regional kingdoms led to diverse cultural developments, trade connections, and artistic achievements across India.

Quick Revision Notes

- Maurya Empire declined ~185 BCE.
- Several regional kingdoms rose instead.
- Shunga dynasty rose in the north.
- Other kingdoms emerged in different regions.
- Foreign invaders: Indo-Greeks, Shakas, Kushanas.
- They established kingdoms in NW India.
- This period had diverse cultural developments.
- Also trade connections and artistic achievements.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the Shunga dynasty.
- 2 Discuss the foreign kingdoms in northwestern India.
- 3 Discuss why regional kingdoms rose after the Mauryas.
- 4 Research the artistic achievements of this period.
- 5 Draw a timeline of post-Maurya kingdoms.
- 6 Discuss the diversity of this historical period.