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### **Film Response: The Gupta Empire**

From watching the film "India Gupta Empire", I learned a couple of new and interesting things, here are 4 of things I think were most important for me.

- 1) The Gupta Empire was known for their major advancements, especially in mathematics, science and astronomy. But also other fields like medicine, cultural and artistic fields made progress in the Gupta Empire.
- 2) The Indians were the masters of metal, especially iron. They used a technique called forge valley, where they take lumps of iron and place them on top of each other in hot conditions and then work it with hammers to build tall pillars.
- 3) Another thing I learned is connected to the two points above, because the Gupta time was when the Hindu religion emerged as a dominant force in Indian society and many Hindu temples and monuments were built.
- 4) The last aspect from the film I want to list here is that the Gupta Empire had a complex social hierarchy. The government was centralized with the King having the absolute power and after him were nobles, merchants and then peasants.

Overall I would say that the Gupta Empire was a very significant part of India's history where things like science, culture and art made big advancements.