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Film and Response

Four things I have learned about the Gupta Empire from watching the assigned film are that the King, Chandra Gupta II, governed without need for capital punishment because people within the empire did not kill any living creatures. Second, the ancient Indians were great in science and mathematics. A Gupta astronomer in 500 AD, named Aryabha, was the first to prove that the earth went around the sun and came up with the concept of Pi (3.14). He came up with an estimate of the earth's circumference which is close to the present day circumference of the earth. Third, how they were great with iron. They'd forge weld multiple blocks of 20 kg of iron, joining them together, and in turn creating one massive iron pillar which weighs 6,000 kg, which is massive and greater than any other welded iron piece in the world. Lastly, Gupta scientists thought of humanity as tiny in the cosmos, that the universe is infinite, & in billions of years way before the West did and the age of radiotelescopes.