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After watching the film, I learned several things about the Gupta Empire in India. The kingdom existed between the 4th and 6th centuries, with Hinduism forming a significant part of the religion ("India GUPTA EMPIRE" 0:55-1:22). I also learned that civilization improved significantly due to the advancements experienced in the society. For instance, the people witnessed developments in art, engineering, mathematics, philosophy, astronomy, and religion. I was particularly amazed by the advancements experienced in the field of mathematics. Notably, the video speculates that zero must have developed in civilization. For many years, mathematicians did not recognize zero as a number. However, with the work of accomplished mathematicians in the Gupta Empire, the recognition of zero as a number became increasingly possible ("India GUPTA EMPIRE" 6:00-6:23). More importantly, I appreciated the religious nature of the people and the critical role that Hinduism played in the empire's social fabric.

Works Cited

"India GUPTA EMPIRE." *YouTube*, uploaded by WH9class, 30 November 2010,

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