It also could have been a flood that destroyed many cities

How did the Aryans Develop?
- During 2000 BC and 1500 BC nomadic people migrated over from central asia
- These groups of people were Indo-European and through, Acculturation, or the blending of 2 or more cultures, they combined culture with Indian people
- Many early Aryans left behind Vedas or a collection of hymns, chants, or ritual instructions
- In these Vedas Aryans were depicted as warriors
- By 800 BC they transitioned from nomadic lifestyle to a farming society, they learned how to make tools out of iron
- Leaders of Aryans tribes were called Rajahs, they were the most skilled warriors and had been elected by an assembly, when he ruled he took into account the elders and heads of families advice

What Were There Class Systems?
- They divided their society it ranked groups based on occupation
  - The highest group was made of the Brahmins or priests
  - Then the Kshatriyas or warriors
  - Then the Vaisyas, which were herders, farmers, and artisans
  - Then the Sudras the farmworkers, servants, and other laborers
  - Lastly, the dalits were considered outside the caste systems

What Were the Aryan Religions?
- The Aryans are polytheistic
- The worshipped gods who represent natural forces such as sky, sun, storm, and fire
- The chief Indian deity was named Indra the god of war
- Brahmins offered sacrifices of food and drink to the gods
- Religius people moved forward to the idea of Brahman, that a single spiritual power existed beyond the gods and was with all things
- They also started to believe in Mystics, that people who seek direct communion with divine forces, they practiced yoga and other exercises to try and come in contact with the divine

What does literature tells about aryan life?
- A written language sanskrit was used predominantly in Aryan culture
- There was also a very strong oral tradition as well
- The book Mahabharata tells us about warfare and religion, and of a great battle that lasted 18 days
- The Ramayana this is one of the greatest stories, and has changed over the years, it is about a bride that gets kidnapped and the husband trying to save her, and the characters represented the ideal images of male and woman