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# NCERT Class 6 History

## Chapter 12: Paintings, Buildings & Books

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### Iron Pillar

- Mehrauli, Delhi
- 7.2. m high
- weighs over 3 tons
- About 1500 years ago
- Inscriptions of Chandragupta
- Not rusted

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## Buildings

- Stupa (mould) – has small box (relic casket) in center with bodily remains, mud brick layer added on top
- Later mud brick on top
- Dome like structure covered the stone slabs

## Temple Structures

- Pradakshina patha around stupa
- Stone carvings to decorate stupa – 2000 yrs ago
- Garbhagriha
- Bhitargaon: tower – shikhara – on top of Garbhagriha
- Mandapa – hall
- Mahabalipuram (monolith) & Aihole (Durga temple)

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## How temples were built?

- Expensive – by kings and queens
- Good quality stone – find, quarry and transport
- Shaped & carved into pillars
- Devotees brought gift to decorate (ivory gateway – Sanchi)
- merchants, farmers, garland makers, perfumers, smiths

## Paintings

- Ajanta – Caves hollowed from hills – monasteries for Buddhist monks – painted in torch lights – 1500 yrs ago

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## Epics

- Grand, long compositions, about heroic men and women, and include stories about gods
- Tamil epic, Silappadikaram by Ilango – b/w Kovalan & Madhavi, wife Kannagi (moved from Puhar to Madurai) – Kovalan was wrongly accused & sentenced – Kannagi destroyed the entire city
- Tamil epic, Manimekalai by Sattanar - 1400 yrs ago - story of daughter of Kovalan and Madhavi
- Kalidasa – poem Meghaduta – monsoon cloud as messenger

## Books

- Puranas – old – stories about gods and goddesses, such as Vishnu, Shiva, Durga or Parvati – simple Sanskrit for women and shudras
- Mahabharata – by Ved Vyas
- Ramayana – (Ayodhya, the capital of Kosala) by Valmiki in Sanskrit
- Jatakas & panchtantras
- Zero by India

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## Aryabhatta

- Mathematician and astronomer
- In Sanskrit - Aryabhatiyam
- Day and night by rotation
- Sunrise and sunset daily
- Explanation for eclipse

## Paper

- Invented in China – 1900 yrs ago – by Cai Lun
- Korea – 1400 yrs ago & then Japan
- Baghdad - 1800 yrs ago & then to Europe, Africa