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| South Asia | Similarities | East Asia |
| * Polytheistic
* Caste System
* Organized cities
* Written language
* Indoor plumbing
* The number 0 and numerical script
* Agriculture
* Hinduism
* Autonomous villages
* Decentralized governmenta
 | * Trade with various peoples across the early river valley systems
* Military near the top of society
* Patriarchal
* Irrigation
* Held together by cultural affinity and common ideas
* Values implemented stayed within the area for long time
 | * Feudalism
* Mandate of Heaven
* Oracle bones
* Filial Piety
* Ancestor Worship
* Animal Domestication
* Crossbow
* Iron tools and weapons
* Roads and canals
* Daoism and Confucianism
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