Achievements of Ancient India (Unit 3)

1. Government / Politics – Set up a central government, but created provinces (independent areas) with some local power
2. Universities – Established a school for Buddhism with libraries, a hospital, and a monastery (home for monks)
3. Literature – Created plays, poetry, folk tales that inspired other civilizations
4. Painting – Nobles and the wealthy hired artists to paint portraits of them. Most every home had paintings. Paints made from minerals and clay.
5. Sculptures – Statues portrayed Buddha or Hindu deities. The sculptures depicted life for important people.
6. Metalwork – Gold coins made to honor kings and those who owned mines. Similar to painters, ironworkers showed Indian achievements.
7. Mathematics – came up with a standard counting system using numerals 1-9. They were the first to treat zero as a number. Combined mathematics and astronomy to calculate the length of a year, the size of Earth, and that planets were spheres.
8. Roads – Created roads for trade, safety, and comfort