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The Mughal Period Worksheet

Make a timeline showing the names and dates of the reigns of each Mughal Emperor. Use a scale of 1 cm = 10 years.

Babar	1526-1530
Humayan	1530-1556
Akbar	1556-1605
Jahangir	1605-1627
Shah Jahan	1627-1658
Aurangzeb	1658-1707

Look at your timeline to answer the following questions:

1. The two most famous Mughal emperors are also those who ruled for the longest times. By looking at the timeline, tell which two emperors had the longest reigns.

2. List the emperors in order of the lengths of their reigns, with the shortest reign first.

3. Who was the emperor in the beginning of the 17th century?

4. Who was the emperor at the end of the 16th century?

5. Who was the emperor in the middle of the fifteen hundreds?

6. Could one woman have been ruled by four different Mughal emperors? If so, when might she have been born, which emperors would have been in power throughout her lifetime, when might she have died, and how old would she have been at her death?

7. Did Akbar know Shah Jahan? (Shah Jahan began his rule when he was 35 years old.)

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Possible questions for group work and examination

Look in the library, discuss, and write the answers to the following questions:

1. Draw maps and describe in words the extent of the Mughal empire in the following times:
1525, 1556, 1605, 1658, 1707, 1775.
2. Which books about the Mughal Emperors were written during their time? Give the names of the books, their authors, and which emperor they talked about.
3. Which battles were fought during Mughal times in the regions that are now Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi? Give the dates, places, and who fought each battle and what happened.
4. Approximately what percentage of the population belonged to each of the different religions at different points during the Mughal period?
5. Tell whether or not each of the following leaders banned the slaughter of cows:
 - (a) Babar
 - (b) Akbar
 - (c) Jahangir
 - (d) Shah Jahan
 - (e) Aurangzeb
 - (f) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (g) Atal Behari Vajpayee
6. Prepare a report on methods and systems of sending mail in the years from 1526 until 1775, and find out how the postal system changed during this period.
7. Make a timeline showing the dates when various famous buildings were constructed in the years 1527-1775. Also show where they are on maps.
8. Find out the names of some musicians during Mughal times. Try to find tapes showing the kind of music they made. Make a list of the musical instruments played during Mughal times. Which musical instruments can you find in Mughal paintings and drawings?
9. Find some stories about Birbal and read them to the class.
10. Make a list showing which members of their families each of the following Emperors had killed and/or imprisoned:
11. Akbar; Jahangir; Shah Jahan; Aurangzeb;
12. Find out and discuss as many different reasons as you can of why Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed. Discuss why different people have given different reasons.
13. The peasants were poor and the Mughal emperor and his amirs were rich. If there had not been any poor peasants, could the emperor and his amirs have been rich? Discuss and give reasons.