

**Section 2**      **Guided Reading and Review**



**Kingdoms of the Ganges** (textbook pp. 53–57)

**A. Main Ideas**

Below are the three main ideas from Section 2. As you read, fill in two supporting facts under each main idea.

**Main Idea:** Much of what we know about Aryan civilization comes from a collection of prayers, hymns, and other religious teachings called the Vedas.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Idea:** Over time, the Aryan invaders who crossed the mountain passes into India began to settle down.

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Idea:** Ancient Indian epics provide clues about Aryan life.

- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Reviewing Key Terms and People**

Briefly explain how the following terms relate to Aryan civilization and the Vedic age.

- 7. Aryan \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Vedas \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. caste \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. brahman \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. mystic \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Sanskrit \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. *Mahabharata* \_\_\_\_\_