

Gupta exporters sold
gems, spices, cotton,
teak, and ebony for
horses, silk and gold.

The Gupta Empire
had many people
employed in mining,
forestry and
agriculture

The Gupta dynasty
ruled India for more
than 200 years.

The Gupta leaders
maintained political
control by training
soldiers, spies and
assassins.

The Gupta leaders
made Hinduism the
official religion of
the empire.

Hindus believed that
the many deities
they worshiped all
represented one
true god, Brahman.

Parents got to
choose who to their
children married.

Gupta leaders
lowered taxes and
gave people more
freedom.

Gupta rulers believed they had reached the height of civilization and began to write down rules to live by.

The final scene of a
drama swept the
audience up in an
overpowering emotion
that combined all eight
emotions

Few Indian scholars
bothered to record
current events.

Audiences at the Gupta court recognized eight pure emotions known as rasas.

Emotion is the key to
Indian drama.

Learning thrived
during the Gupta
period.

Gupta doctors were
the first to give
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Southeast Asian poets
wrote long, elegant
poems in India's
ancient language of
Sanskrit.

Indians celebrated
their past in oral
records that did not
emphasize dates.

Hindu mathematicians
were the first to use a
system of numbers
based on ten.

To a Hindu, the
passage of worldly
time from past to
present was
unimportant.