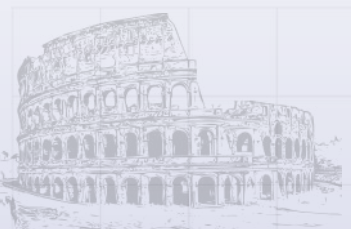




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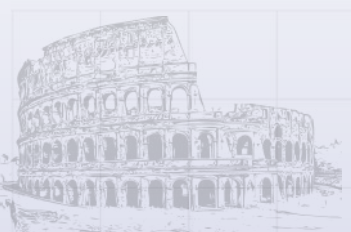
- **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** connected Aryans with the **Arctic region**.
- **Max Muller** supported **Central Asian origin**.
- There are two sources of the Vedic Age: **literary** and **archaeological**.
- The four Vedas are **Rigveda, Yajurveda, Samaveda and Atharvaveda**.
- The chapter mentions **108 Upanishads** and **7 Aranyakas**.
- Vedic texts are divided into **Shruti** and **Smriti**.
- **Rigveda** is the oldest text of India.
- Rigveda contains more than **1000 hymns** called **Sukta**.
- Important Rigvedic gods were **Agni, Indra and Soma**.
- Early Indo-Aryans lived in **Sapta Sindhu**, the land of seven rivers.
- The seven rivers included Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Satluj and Saraswati.
- **Indra** is called **Purandara**, meaning breaker of forts.
- Aryans were divided into five tribes called **Panchajana**.
- The **Battle of Ten Kings** was fought on the river **Purushni/Ravi**.
- The battle gave victory to **Sudas** and supremacy to the **Bharatas**.
- **Govishthi** means search for cows.





- The tribal chief was called **Rajan**.
- The king was elected by the **Samiti**.
- Important assemblies were **Sabha, Samiti, Gana and Vidatha**.
- The most important assemblies were **Sabha and Samiti**.
- Women attended **Sabha** and **Vidatha**.
- **Vashistha** and **Vishwamitra** were important priests.
- **Vishwamitra** composed the **Gayatri Mantra**.
- **Bali** was a voluntary offering.
- There was no officer for tax collection in the Rigvedic period.
- The term **Jana** occurs about **275 times**.
- The term **Vis** occurs about **170 times**.
- The family was called **Kula**.
- The family system was **patriarchal**.
- Child marriage was not practised.
- Marriageable age was about **16–17 years**.
- The most important Rigvedic god was **Indra**.
- **250 hymns** were dedicated to Indra.
- **200 hymns** were dedicated to Agni.

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