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# NCERT Class 6 History

## Chapter 6: Kingdoms, Kings and Early Republic

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### Ashvamedha



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## Varna System – Based on birth

- Brahmin
- Kshatriyas
- Vaishyas – farmers, herders and traders
- Shudras – untouchables

Some kings didn't accept it. They considered themselves superior to priests

## Janapadas

- Land where jana set their foot
- Purana Qila in Delhi
- Hastinapur near Meerut (UP)
- Atranjikhera near Etah (UP)

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## Mahajanapadas

- Capital city which was fortified (wall of brick, wood and stone)
- Forts to protect from attack, show wealth, lot of labour
- New rajas had army – regular salary
- Punch marked coins
- Levied regular tax
- Use iron ploughshare instead wooden
- Transplanting paddy (more production) – slaves (dasis) & landless labourers (kammakaras)

## Magadha - Mahajanapadas

- Ganga and Son - transport, water supplies & land fertile
- Forest – elephants, wood for building house and chariots
- Bimbisara & Ajatasattu & Mahapadma Nanda
- Capital – Rajagriha (Bihar) to Pataliputra (Patna)
- Alexander didn't march further than Beas as his army was scared of Indian rulers

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## Vajji

- Capital – Vaishali (Bihar)
- Government as ganas and sanghas
- 1000s of rajas ruled together – met in assemblies (women, dasas and kammakaras not allowed)
- Buddha and Mahavira
- Powerful rajas tried to conquer sanghas – last was conquered by Guptas

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