

Names, terms, etc. from lecture on the Vedic Age, 1500-500 BC

I am distributing these so that you do not have to distract from the lecture to write them down and I can save time ditto.

Indo-European

Aryans – speak /Indo-European/Indo-Aryan language

Rig Veda

Sanskrit

Devas

Varuna – rita

Indra

Pastoral nomads

Punjab

Gangetic Valley

Romila Thapar – wrote on processes, from lineage to state

Descent groups

Patrilineages

Exogamous – must marry out of the clan

Jana – tribe, during Rig Veda

Vish – clans in a tribe

Raja – in early Vedic Age, leader in a clan, a chief

Proto-Dravidian

Austro-Asiatic

Dasus, dasyus – not Indo-Aryan-speaking

Varna - category

Arya varna, dasa varna

Brahmin – priests

Kashatryas – rulers and warriors

Vaisyas – wealthy agriculturalists and merchants

Dvija – varnas whose members are allowed to be initiated in Vedic ritual

Sudras – lowest status varna, impure peasants and artisans

Jati – caste

Rajanya – ruling families of warriors

Bards – poets

Kshatra – power

Grhapati – powerful head of vish household

Agni – god of fire

Srauta – non-domestic rituals of the priestly cult

Hymn – song to the god(s)

Mantras – verses

Brahman – power in the mantra

Imitative magic

Tapas – the special power of priests to be effective

Brahmanas – type of Vedic literature

Rajasuya

Asvamedha

Mahajanapada – kingdom

Panini

Gautama Buddha

Kosala

Magada

Mauryan Empire

Vrijji confederacy

Ganges River

Bihar