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History worksheet
Class 4
Chapter 2- Sources of History
Answer key

1. Answer the following:

- i) Arthashastra is an ancient book written by a wise man called Chanakya. The book describes how a ruler should rule.
- ii) People carved their messages on clay tablets, rocks, stones and metals. Such written records are called inscriptions.
- iii) The three types of sources are:-
 - a) Archaeological sources
 - b) Literary sources
 - c) Oral sources.
- iv) The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, in Mumbai, was built in the modern period.

2. Name them :

- i) The Vedas, the Puranas and the Bhagavad Gita.
- ii) Clay tablets, rocks, stones and metals.
- iii) Shah Jahan
- iv) Museum

Textbook Exercises:

A. Name them:

1. Monuments
2. Inscriptions
3. Artefacts
4. Autobiographies
5. Historians

B. Fill in the blanks :

1. Artefacts
2. Palm
3. Religious
4. Archaeologists
5. Preserve

D. Answer the following:

Ans: 1. Monuments are special buildings from the past. They tell us about the following:

- a) Period in which a monument was built for eg. Whether a monument was built in the ancient period, the medieval period or the modern period.
- b) Building materials used in a particular period for eg. The Taj Mahal is built of white marble.

Ans :2. Coins give us a lot of information. They tell us about the following:

- The name or picture on a coin tells us about the ruler or the kingdom to which the coin belongs.

- The year tells us the time period to which the coin belongs.
- The writings on a coin tells us about the language used in the kingdom to which the coin belongs.

Ans :3. Artefacts are things that people made and used in their daily life. Pottery, jewellery, tools, toys and weapons are some of the examples of artefacts.

Ans :4. Some rulers wrote about their own lives. Such books are called autobiographies. One such book was written by the court poet of a ruler called Harshavardhan. It tells us about his life.

Ans:5. We should preserve the sources of history. This is because of the following reasons:

- Our knowledge of the past is dependent on the sources of history. Without the sources, we cannot understand the past. These sources are our link to the past. Much of our information about the past will be lost forever if we do not take care of the sources.
- Sources of history help us to appreciate our past. We feel a sense of pride, when we look at the Qutub Minar, the Meenakshi Temple and so on.