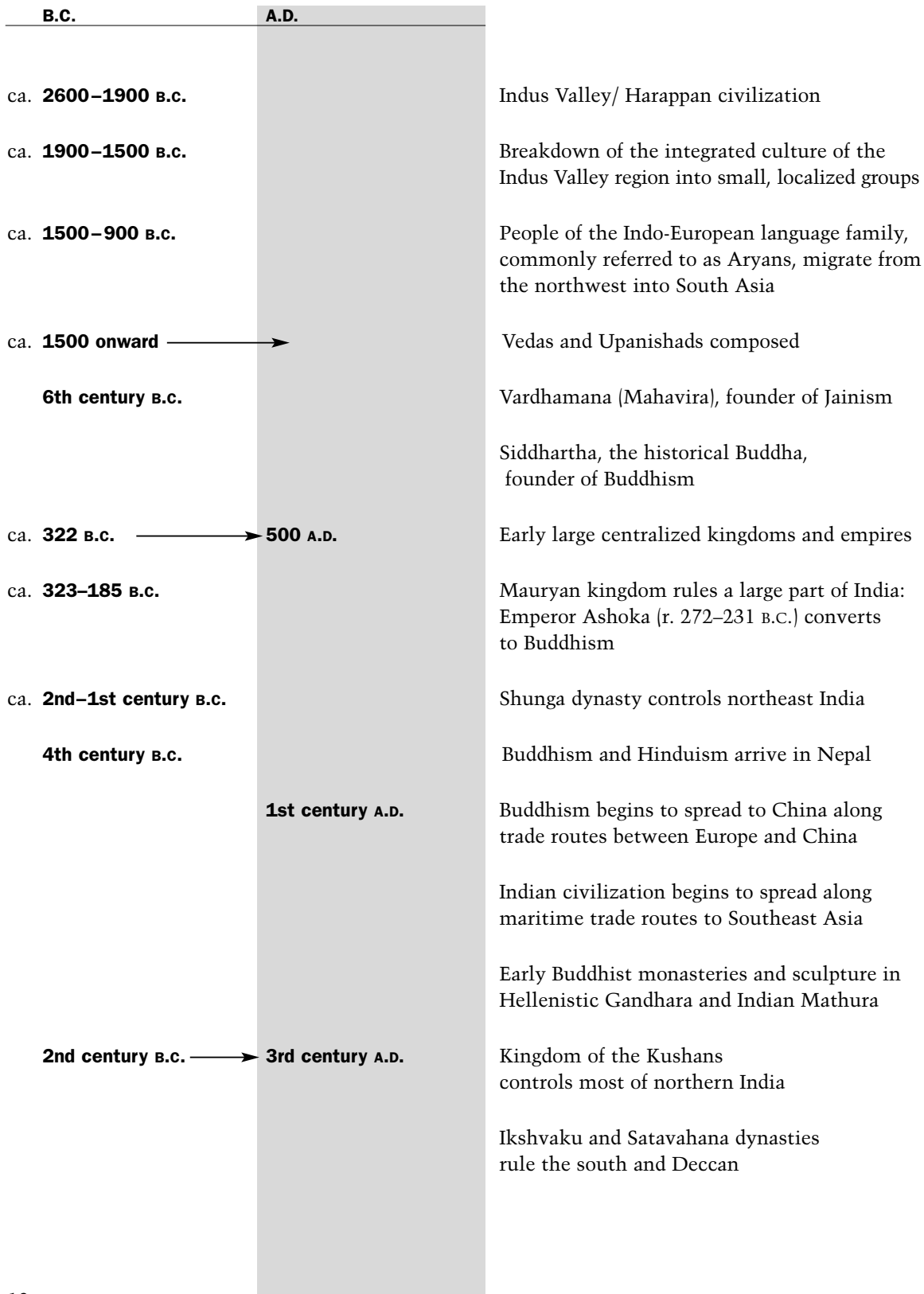


Timeline



	A.D.	
ca.	321–500 A.D.	Gupta dynasty rules northern India The classic image of the Buddha created, the form of the Hindu temple developed
	6th century A.D.	Buddhism spreads to Korea and Japan
	7th century A.D.	Buddhism arrives in Tibet
	4th–9th century A.D.	Rise of Southeast Asian kingdoms on mainland, in Java and Sumatra, and on the Thai peninsula
ca.	700–1200 A.D.	Medieval period in India: Pala and Sena kingdoms in northeast
	9th–13th century A.D.	Khmer kingdom in Cambodia
	880–1279 A.D.	Chola dynasty in South India
	late 12th century A.D.	Buddhism in decline in South Asia Muslim invaders come from the northwest
ca.	1200–1500 A.D.	Delhi Sultanate in India
	1498 A.D.	Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama makes landfall on west coast of India; opens India to European trade
	1526–1857 A.D.	Mughal Empire, which declines in power early 18th century
ca.	1500–1850 A.D.	Hindu Rajput kingdoms in northwest India
	1600 A.D.	British East India Company establishes trading post
	1856–1947 A.D.	British rule all of subcontinent
	1947 A.D.	Independence; subcontinent is divided along religious lines into India and Pakistan
	1971 A.D.	Formation of Bangladesh as separate Muslim nation