



Hip Hop History: The Civilizations of Early India

Verse:

A **subcontinent** is a large landmass
Within a continent set apart from the rest
In the Indian subcontinent the Indus
River flows through and forms a **river system**
A tropical climate, it gets hot, too
Seasonal winds blow through called **monsoons**
Indus Valley farmers stored surplus crops
In a **granary**, they used cotton to make cloth
They had technology, great trade as well
Cities had a fortified area, a **citadel**
India was settled by people called Aryans
They had the **Vedas**, a collection of scriptures and hymns
India's social structure was based on **caste**
A person was born into a social class
In the Vedic Age they practiced a religion
Based on priests and sacrifices called **Brahmanism**
Hinduism followed and took an important role
Reincarnation is the rebirth of the soul
A person's actions affect them: **Karma**
A person's duty is known as **dharma**
Buddhism came around at a later time
They **meditate**, calm, or clear the mind
Enlightenment is perfect wisdom and see
Nirvana is a state of blissful peace

Chorus:

How much does geography affect people's lives?
How did it help civilizations survive?
How did it help spread religion over time?
How much does geography affect people's lives?