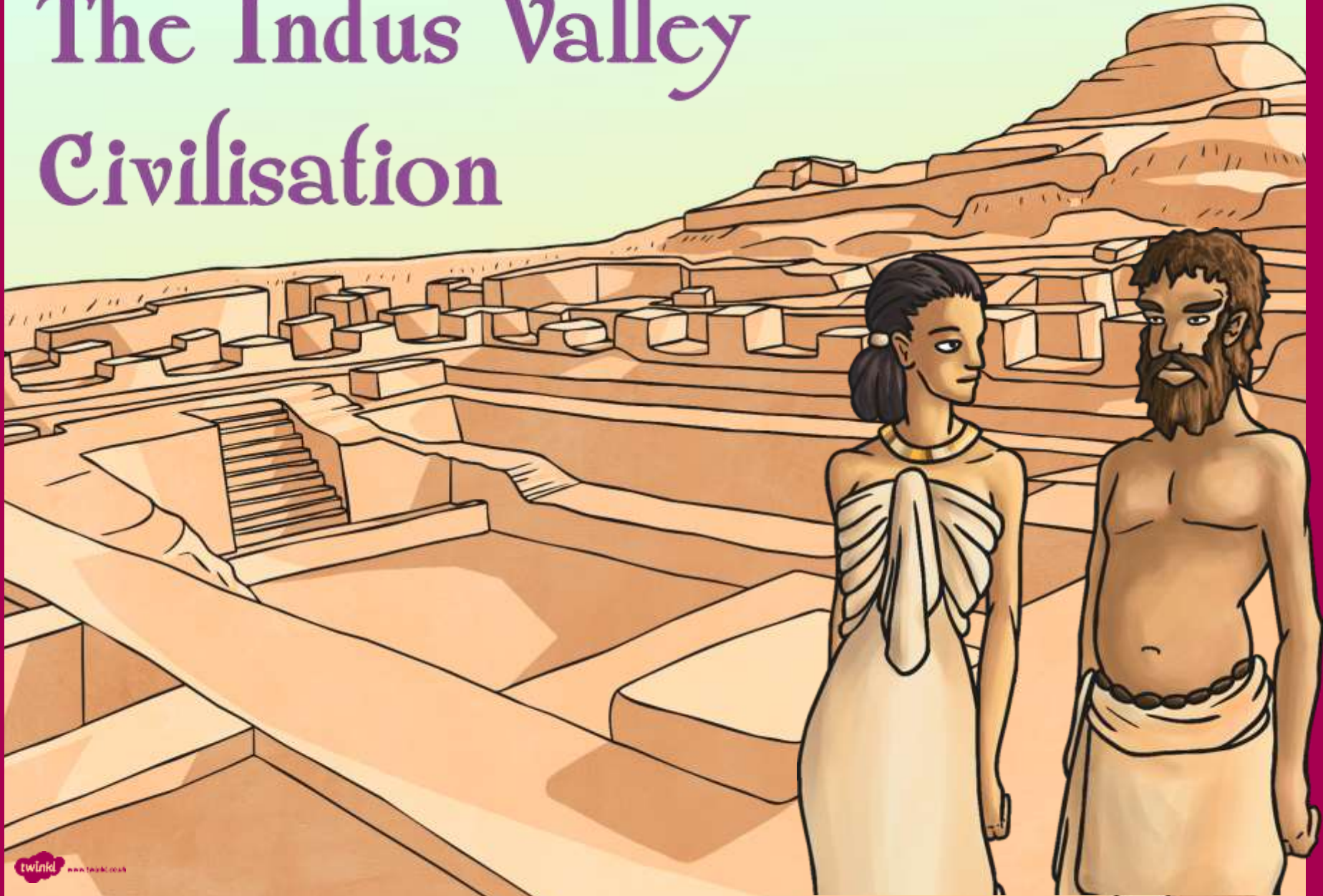


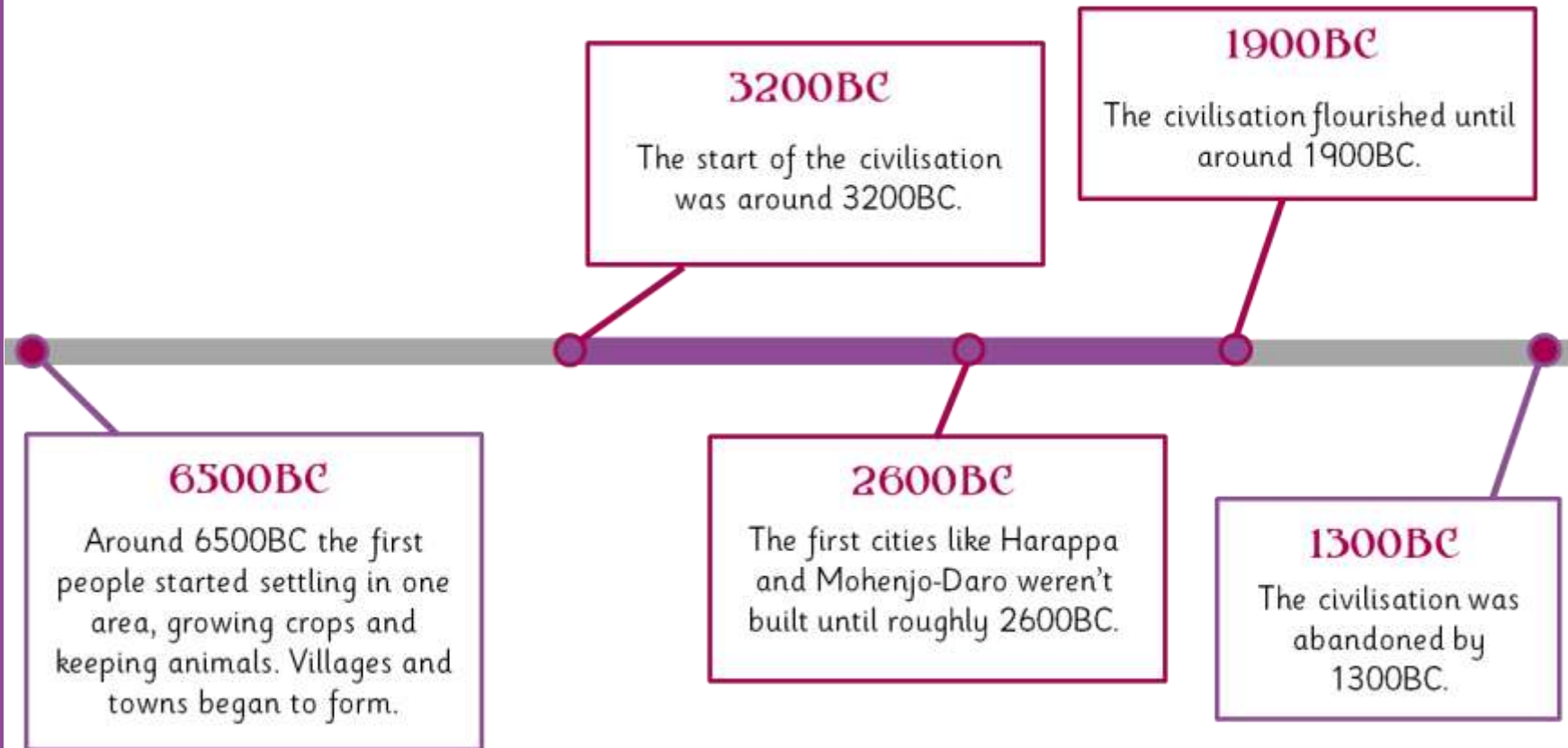
# The Indus Valley Civilisation



# Where is the Indus Valley?



# When was the Indus Valley Civilisation?



Do you know of any other civilisations around at this time in other parts of the world?

# Why were the rivers so important?



The rivers flowed down from the mountains. The nutrients from the mountains were transported to the land in the valleys when the rivers flooded their banks, making the soil perfect for growing crops.

Cities were built close to the rivers so people had access to water for cooking , cleaning and drinking.

The rivers also provided an efficient way to transport goods to be traded.

# The Cities - Water



Wells were common.  
Larger houses might have their own wells in a courtyard.

The city walls could just as easily have been built to protect them from flood water as from invaders.

# Transport

Most people wouldn't stray far from the city, but traders had to travel to trade their goods. The methods some people use in the region today give us clues to how they travelled in the past.



**What do these photos show?**

Lighter goods transported over land might have been carried by goats or sheep in saddlebags.

# Artefacts



Clay was also used to make figures, and toys for children.

**What do you think these toys are supposed to be?**

What can you remember?