Ancient India and Persia Block Plan  
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**GOALS:**

1. Create multiple-paragraph narrative and expository compositions with accurate information with details and descriptive language.
2. Learn and work with STRUCTURED writing - beginning, middle, and end of paragraphs and essays - “Sandwich”.
3. Participate in partner and group story writing, emphasizing care, kindness and community.
4. Make more consistent use of commas, quotation marks, colons, and semicolons. Capitalize initial letters and proper nouns.
5. Proofread written material and thus, self-edit for spelling, punctuation and capitalization errors.
6. Self-edit in order to add details to support clarity and re-group sentences for clearer meaning or efficiency.
7. Correctly and neatly re-write material as final copy - to be put with care into main lesson book.
8. Create aesthetically pleasing, artistic and beautiful main lesson books - Focus for the the main lesson books will be on CLARITY, CARE and BEAUTY.
9. Have a working understanding of ancient cultures of India and Persia and their religious and social development.
10. Have a working geographical understanding of India and Persia.
11. Have a working understanding of: the Hindu Gods; the lives and stories of Rama and Sita; Krishna; Buddha; and Gilgamesh.

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<td><strong>New Objective:</strong> Description of India’s geography and climate, plants, animals.</td>
<td><strong>New Objective:</strong> Begin: Writing of story of Rama from memory. W/partner write a paragraph of 1 part of story. Focus: Clear Structure: Beg., Mid. End. Alone: 2 more paragraphs Learn 2 new mudras</td>
<td><strong>New Objective:</strong> Continued writing (independent). How to improve Ramayana writing w/ descriptive words, details and prepositional phrasing. 2 New Mudras</td>
<td><strong>New Objective:</strong> Editing of all paragraphs by partners switching drafts. 2 New mudras</td>
<td><strong>New Objective:</strong> Sanskrit writing / alphabet with Song of Creation from Rig Veda</td>
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| Introduction to Mudras | **Book Work:** Title Page  
*Art Focus: Title* | **Book Work:** Map of India / Poem  
*Art Focus: border* | **Book Work:** Map of India / Poem  
*Art Focus: border* | **Book Work:** Ramayana story  
*Art Focus: border and title* |
| **Story:** Rama and Sita | **Story Ending** | **Story:** Krishna | **Story:** Krishna | **Story:** Krishna |
| **Book Work:** India  
*Art Focus: SHADING* | **Story:** Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu | **Story:** Krishna | | |
| New Objective: Bhagavad Gita and Rig Veda - sacred books of Hinduism
| New Objective: Write about Buddha’s childhood
| Read stories of B.’s childhood to others, continue writing
| Read and Edit last paragraph of Buddha’s story w/mistakes (I write this one)
| Review last paragraphs together to check if all mistakes found
| Review of India and Persia

| New Objectives for Mudra and Sanskrit Word
| Book Work: Ramayana story and picture
| Book Work: Buddha picture
| Review Sanskrit Words and mudras
| Review Z. story
| Review of Persia and India

| New Objectives for Art
| Story: shading, detail
| Story: border, clear writing
| Story: clear writing, border
| Art focus: shading, detail
| Art focus: border, clear writing

| Goals: detail, clarity
| Story: Buddha sees suffering
| Buddha’s enlightenment
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| Story: Buddha’s childhood
| Story: Buddha sees suffering
| Story: Buddha’s enlightenment
| Story: Intro to Persia
| Story: Climate/terrain/wildlife of Persia

| New Objectives for Persia
| Book Work: Buddha story
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| New Objectives for Persia
| Story: Ahura Mazda, Ahriman, Jamshid; First Farmers
| Story: Zarathustra
| Story: Persian empire/Cyrus
| Story: Persian empire
| Story: Persian empire

| New Objectives for First Farmers
| Book Work: Persia intro pg
| Book Work: Persian map
| Book Work: First Farmers story
| Book Work: First Farmers story
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| New Objectives for Zarathurstra
| Story: Zarathursra
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