**Indus Valley Newspaper Assignment**

**Objectives:**

Demonstrate understanding of historical events. To re-write events using their own opinions. To write for different audiences.

**Materials:**

Desktop publishing programs, a collection of newspapers and magazines.

**Class set-up:**

Ideally small groups, either creating their own newspaper front pages, or contributing to a whole class newspaper.

**Opening Activity--steps:**

1. Discuss why newspapers are important.
2. How do newspapers get information?  
   How is the language in newspapers different from other sources such as history books, diaries, etc.?  
   How can you make the account relevant and interesting?
3. The activity could use accounts of archaeological discoveries or the newspapers could be transported back to represent daily life and happenings in the Indus valley civilization.

The simplest way to complete this activity is to use Microsoft Word or a DTP program like Publisher which allows students to easily correct mistakes and make their work presentable quickly.

**Newspaper Requirements--To cover daily life in the Indus valley and archaeological discoveries:**

Sir Alexander Cunningham  
Discovery  
How Indus towns developed  
Trade  
Crafts  
Writing  
Subsistence economy  
Agriculture   
Cities of the Indus

You must also include hand-drawn illustrations of site plans, maps or objects in the finished article.