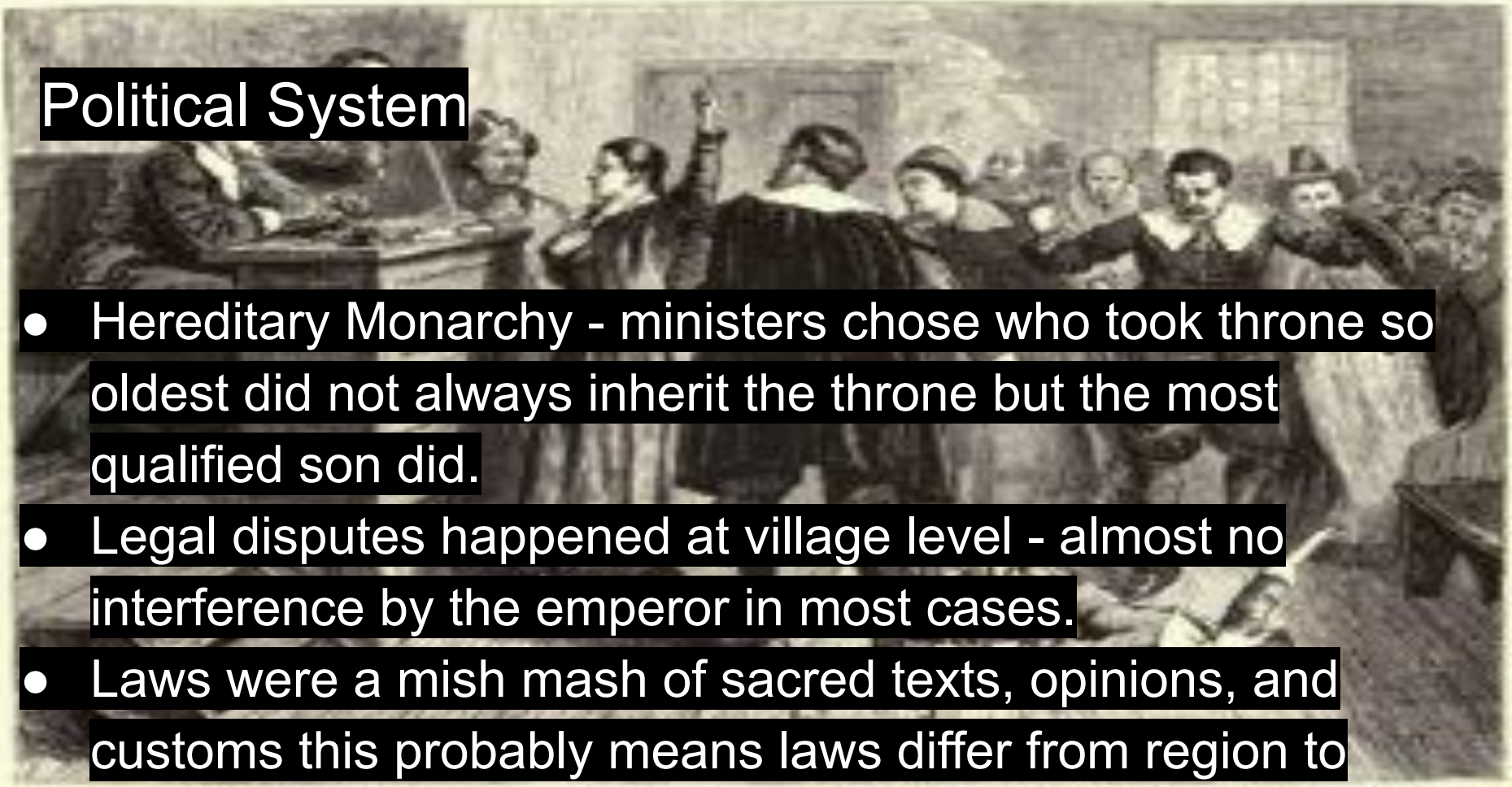
Gupta Empire

320 - 600 C.E.
Existed for 280 years
The entire time Gupta existed is a golden age so it is hard to choose a peak.

Geographical impact on Gupta

- Located in South Asia which is now modern day India.
- Gupta was protected by the Himalayan mountains and could trade easily with access to the Indian Ocean.
- Gupta was isolated by the mountains allowing for their culture to flourish.



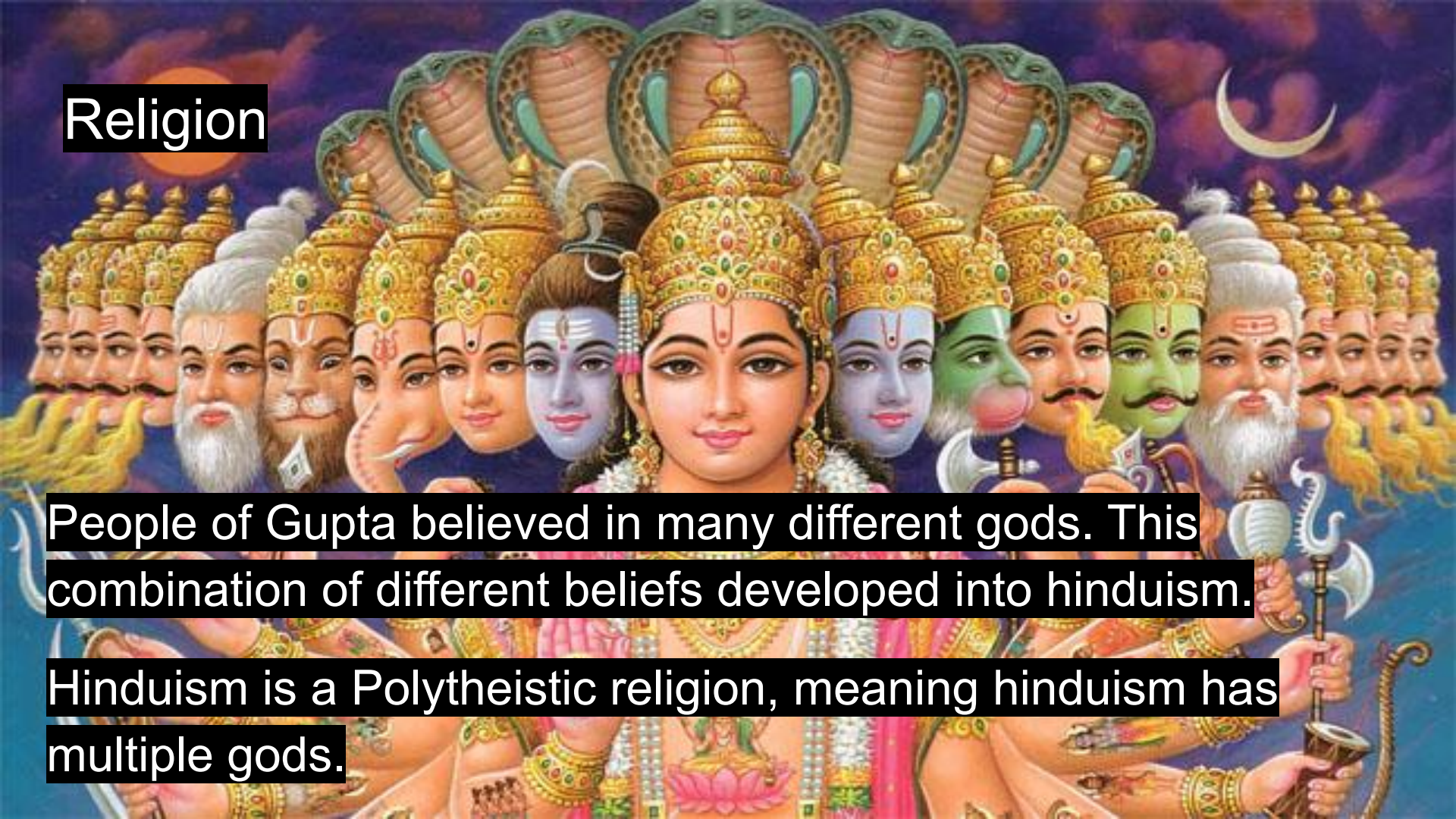
Political System

- Hereditary Monarchy - ministers chose who took throne so oldest did not always inherit the throne but the most qualified son did.
- Legal disputes happened at village level - almost no interference by the emperor in most cases.
- Laws were a mish mash of sacred texts, opinions, and customs this probably means laws differ from region to region.

Economy

- Caste system - people were divided by economic and social standing
- Gupta was blocked in the north by the Himalayan Mountains and had access to the sea to the east and west. This sea access most likely allowed Gupta to trade easily if Gupta had access to boats.
- Gupta also used coins as a form of currency.

Religion



People of Gupta believed in many different gods. This combination of different beliefs developed into hinduism.

Hinduism is a Polytheistic religion, meaning hinduism has multiple gods.

Rise of Civilization

Chandra Gupta militaristically took control of a great portion of india. His heir Samudra Gupta continued the conquest spreading the empire far to both the west and the east.

After gaining a large territory the Gupta empire developed great advances in technology and entered a golden age which Gupta will stay in until it falls.

Art and Architecture

Gupta experienced a great surge of creative works. This includes the tales of Kālidāsa which apparently are great.

There is currently only one temple that stands from the Gupta Empire. This was visited by the last Gupta king. This structure was probably one on the last temples that was built during this time.

Writing system and Written History

The first south asian writing appeared after Persia invaded Pakistan. The earliest writing were in Karoṣṭhī, a writing language written from right to left.

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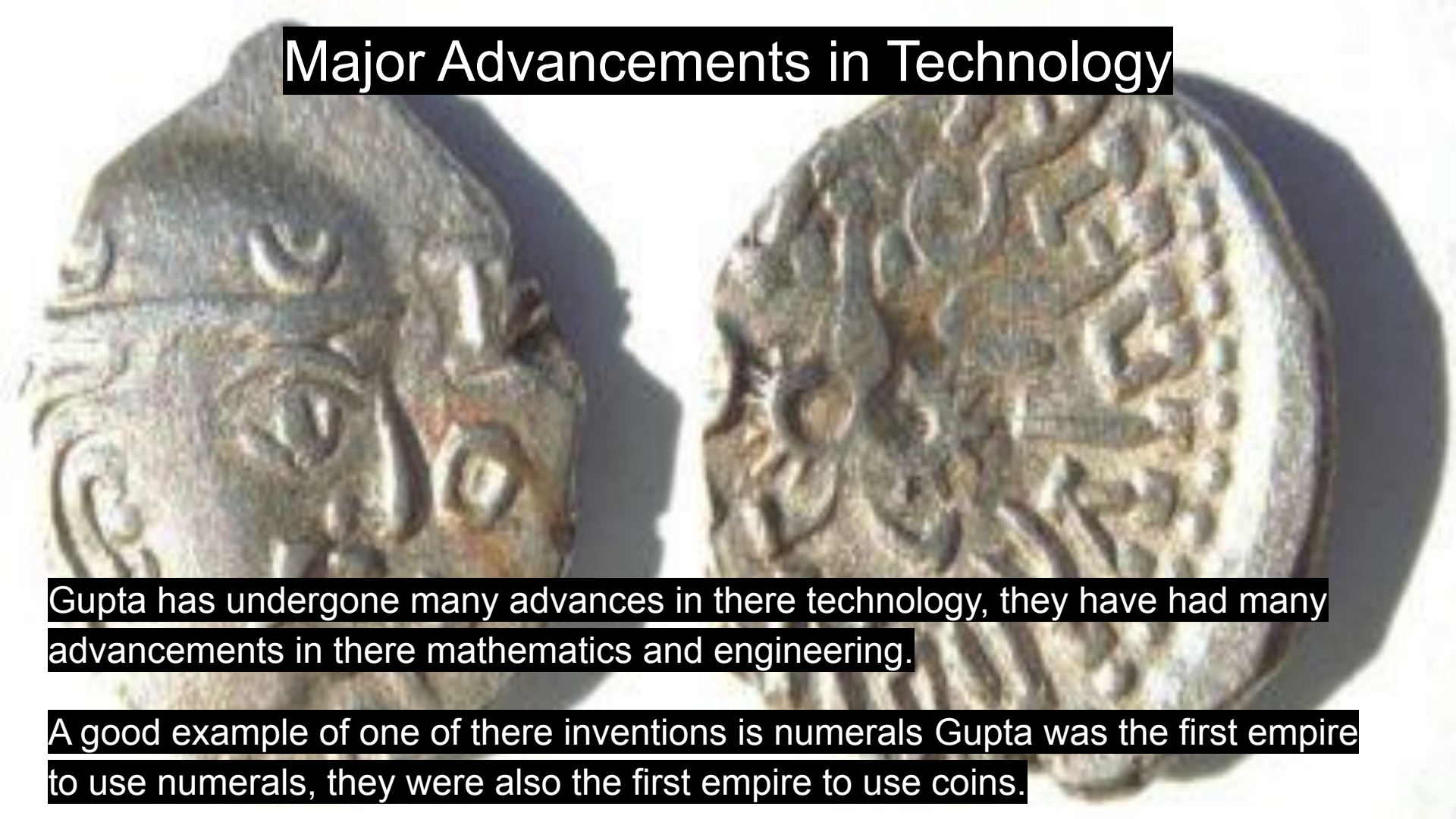
Major Advancements in Technology



Gupta has undergone many advances in there technology, they have had many advancements in there mathematics and engineering.

A good example of one of there inventions is numerals Gupta was the first empire to use numerals, they were also the first empire to use coins.

Golden Age

Guptas empire was developed into a golden age, Gupta started off in a golden age and stayed in there golden age until the empire had its downfall.

Gupta has been marked as an golden age because there were many advances and inventions for india in the age of the Gupta empire, the advancements were in Science, Tech, Engineering, art, dialectics, laterature, logic, mathematics, astronomy, religion, and philosophy.

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Famous Citizens and their achievements

Chandra Gupta and his heir Samudra Gupta took control of the land that made the Gupta Empire.

Chandra Gupta || conquered western groups allowing for a trade route through west india

Slavery

There was slavery in the Gupta empire, it is not the regular slavery you think of though. The Gupta empire used the caste system, the caste system is when you are born into a way of living and you cannot change it, so if you were born as a farmer you would be a farmer your whole life. There were also a class rank known as the Shudras who were servants and slaves to the higher ups like the untouchables and some farmers/merchants.

The Downfall of Gupta

The Gupta empire did end, they lasted for four long reigns before the downfall happened. In the sixth century the people of Gupta started to rebel against the feudal system that was our government. The downfall was also caused be destructive incursions by the white huns and the guptonians, these eventually took their toll and lead to the downfall of Gupta. If Gupta was in a different location they would probably last longer and maybe still exist.

World Wide Contributions

Gupta developed the religion hinduism through the different belief systems that citizens believed in. When these beliefs combined Hinduism was formed.

Gupta had developed advancements in Science, Engineering, art, dialectics, laterature, logic, mathematics, astronomy, religion, and philosophy.

The golden age brought more knowledge including architects making amazing temples and structures.

There were also many inventions with money, Gupta invented various coins being made of bronze and silver.

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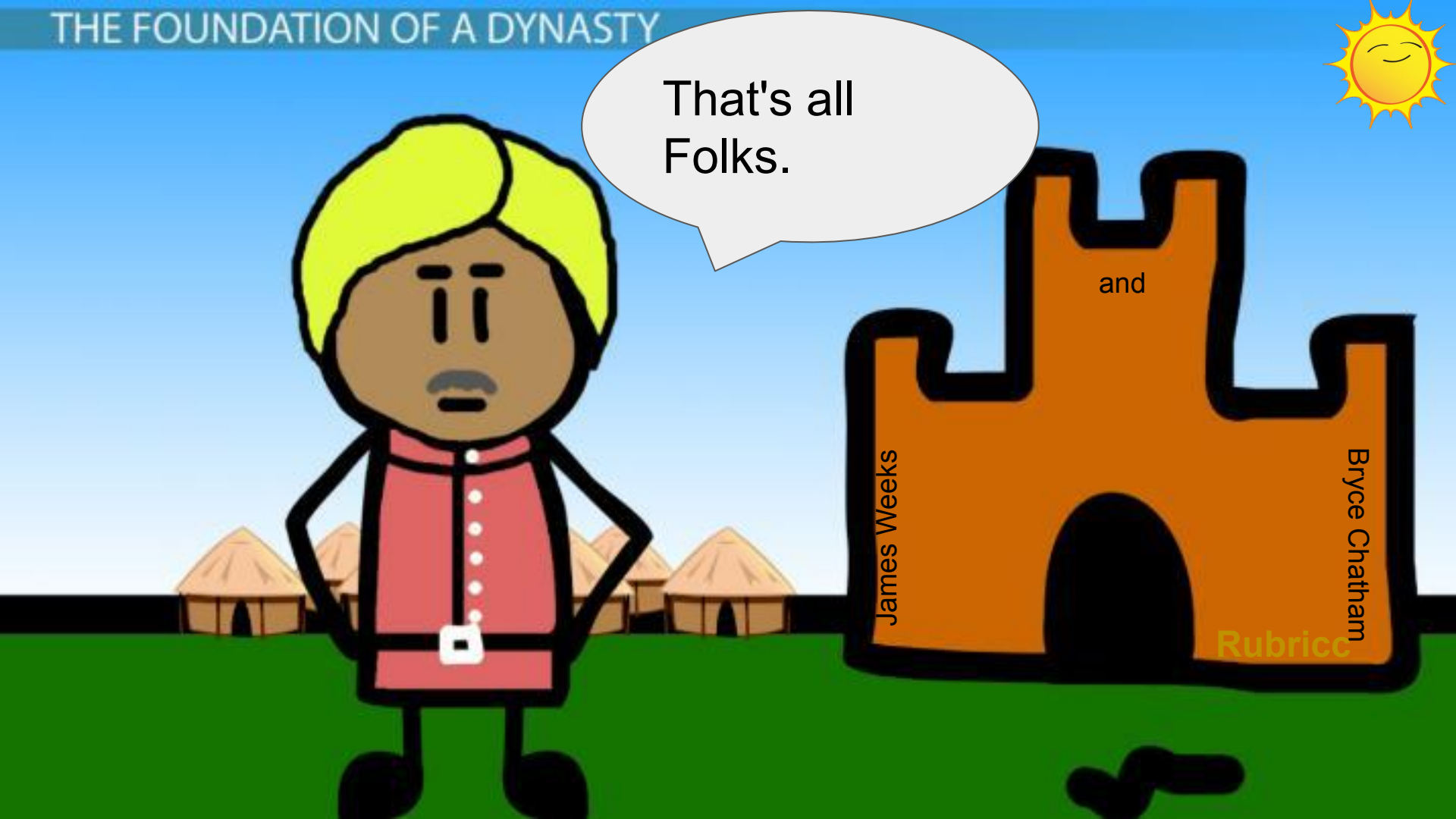
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