

Class 12 History Map Work List

Official CBSE 2026-27 map list · locations and one-line notes from NCERT (Reprint 2026-27) · board years 2022–2026

How it is asked. Map work carries 5 marks on a political outline map of India: locate and label a few items and identify places marked A, B. Visually impaired candidates answer short questions instead, such as “Name one Buddhist site in Andhra Pradesh”.
Asked = years the item came up in a map question, or in its text version for visually impaired candidates, in the CBSE board papers we have (2022–2026). Some map questions in our copies could not be read, so treat the years as a minimum.

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Asked in CBSE board papers, 2022–2026

Place	Where (today)	Years
Kalibangan · Mature Harappan sites	Rajasthan	2023, 2024
Nagarjunakonda · Major Buddhist sites	Andhra Pradesh	2025
Amaravati · Major Buddhist sites	Andhra Pradesh	2025
Sanchi · Major Buddhist sites	Madhya Pradesh	2024
Banawali · Mature Harappan sites	Haryana	2023
Rakhigarhi · Mature Harappan sites	Haryana (Hisar district)	2023
Dholavira · Mature Harappan sites	Gujarat (Rann of Kachchh)	2023
Bharhut · Major Buddhist sites	Madhya Pradesh	2023
Vijayanagar (Hampi) · Vijayanagara and the Deccan	Karnataka	2023
Ajmer · Territories under Babur, Akbar and Aurangzeb	Rajasthan	2023
Champaran · Important centres of the National Movement	Bihar	2022
Amritsar · Important centres of the National Movement	Punjab	2022
Dandi · Important centres of the National Movement	Gujarat coast	2022

Mature Harappan sites

Part I · Bricks, Beads and Bones · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Harappa	Punjab, Pakistan	On the Ravi; the first Harappan site to be discovered.	
2	Banawali	Haryana	Terracotta models of the plough found here.	2023
3	Kalibangan	Rajasthan	Evidence of a ploughed field (Early Harappan levels).	2023, 2024
4	Balakot	Balochistan coast, Pakistan	Coastal centre for making shell objects.	
5	Rakhigarhi	Haryana (Hisar district)	Biggest Harappan city (550 ha); DNA from skeletons studied for archaeogenetics.	2023
6	Dholavira	Gujarat (Rann of Kachchh)	Large planned city on Khadir island.	2023
7	Nageshwar	Gujarat coast	Coastal centre for making shell objects (bangles, ladles, inlay).	
8	Lothal	Gujarat (near the Gulf of Khambhat)	Craft centre near sources of carnelian and other raw materials.	



9	Mohenjodaro	Sindh, Pakistan	On the Indus; citadel, lower town and the Great Bath.	
10	Chanhudaro	Sindh, Pakistan	Tiny settlement almost wholly devoted to crafts: beads, shell, metal, seals, weights.	
11	Kot Diji	Sindh, Pakistan	Harappan site on the Indus plain.	

Mahajanapadas and cities

Part I · Kings, Farmers and Towns · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Vajji (Vrijji)	North Bihar	Capital Vaishali; ruled by a gana/sangha.	
2	Magadha	South Bihar	Most powerful mahajanapada; capital Rajagaha (Rajgir), later Pataliputra.	
3	Kosala	Eastern Uttar Pradesh	Capital Shravasti.	
4	Kuru	Haryana–Delhi region	Indraprastha.	
5	Panchala	Western Uttar Pradesh	Ahichchhatra.	
6	Gandhara	North-west Pakistan	Capital Taxila.	
7	Avanti	Western Madhya Pradesh	Capital Ujjayini (Ujjain).	
8	Rajgir	Bihar	Rajagaha, the early capital of Magadha.	
9	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjayini; city on land routes.	
10	Taxila	Punjab, Pakistan	Capital of Gandhara.	
11	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	Capital of Kashi.	

Ashokan pillar inscriptions and southern kingdoms

Part I · Kings, Farmers and Towns · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh	Pillar inscription at the stupa site.	
2	Topra	Haryana	Pillar later moved to Delhi.	
3	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	Pillar later moved to Delhi.	
4	Kaushambi	Uttar Pradesh (near Prayagraj)	Pillar inscription; Kaushambi was the capital of Vatsa.	
5	Cholas	Kaveri delta, Tamil Nadu	Southern kingdom outside Ashoka's empire.	
6	Cheras	Kerala	Southern kingdom on the west coast.	
7	Pandys	Southern Tamil Nadu (Madurai)	Southernmost kingdom.	

Important kingdoms and towns

Part I · Kings, Farmers and Towns · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Kushanas	North-west India into Central Asia	Ruled from Central Asia to north-west India; Mathura.	
2	Shakas	Western India (Gujarat, Malwa)	Rulers from Central Asia in western India.	
3	Satavahanas	Deccan (Maharashtra, Andhra)	Deccan rulers; Paithan.	
4	Vakatakas	Deccan (Vidarbha, Maharashtra)	Deccan rulers allied to the Guptas.	
5	Guptas	Ganga valley (Magadha)	Prashastis (e.g. by Harishena) record their history.	
6	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh	Bustling commercial, cultural and political centre.	
7	Kanauj	Uttar Pradesh	Ganga plain city.	



8	Puhar	Tamil Nadu (Kaveri mouth)	Coastal town where sea routes began.	
9	Bharukachchha	Gujarat (Bharuch)	Port on the Narmada.	
10	Shravasti	Uttar Pradesh	Capital of Kosala.	
11	Rajgir	Bihar	Rajagaha.	
12	Vaishali	Bihar	Capital of the Vajji.	
13	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	On the Ganga.	
14	Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh	Near Sanchi.	

Major Buddhist sites

Part I · Thinkers, Beliefs and Buildings · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Nagarjunakonda	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist site in the Krishna valley.	2025
2	Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh	Great Stupa; preserved with help from the Begums of Bhopal.	2024
3	Amaravati	Andhra Pradesh	Stupa with fine sculpture.	2025
4	Lumbini	Nepal	Birthplace of the Buddha.	
5	Bharhut	Madhya Pradesh	Stupa with early sculpture.	2023
6	Bodh Gaya	Bihar	Where the Buddha attained enlightenment.	
7	Ajanta	Maharashtra	Cave paintings.	

2025 (visually impaired candidates): "Name one Buddhist site in Andhra Pradesh" — Nagarjunakonda or Amaravati.

Vijayanagara and the Deccan

Part II · An Imperial Capital: Vijayanagara · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Bidar	Karnataka	Deccan Sultanate capital.	
2	Golconda	Telangana (Hyderabad)	Deccan Sultanate fort.	
3	Bijapur	Karnataka	Deccan Sultanate capital.	
4	Vijayanagar (Hampi)	Karnataka	Capital of the empire, on the Tungabhadra.	2023
5	Chandragiri	Andhra Pradesh	The Aravidu dynasty later ruled from here.	
6	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu	Temple town.	
7	Mysore	Karnataka	South Karnataka.	
8	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu	Kaveri delta.	
9	Kolar	Karnataka	East of Bengaluru.	
10	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	Far south.	

Territories under Babur, Akbar and Aurangzeb

Part II · Peasants, Zamindars and the State · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Delhi	Delhi	Imperial capital.	
2	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Mughal capital under Akbar.	
3	Panipat	Haryana	Babur's victory in 1526 founded Mughal rule.	
4	Amber	Rajasthan (near Jaipur)	Kachhwaha Rajput kingdom allied to the Mughals.	
5	Ajmer	Rajasthan	Akbar visited the Sufi shrine here fourteen times.	2023
6	Lahore	Punjab, Pakistan	Major Mughal city.	



7	Goa	Goa	Portuguese-held from 1510; never under Mughal rule.	
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2025 (visually impaired candidates): "Mention one territory under the Mughals in northern India".

Territories and cities under British control in 1857

Part III · Rebels and the Raj · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Punjab	Punjab (India and Pakistan)	Annexed in 1849.	
2	Sindh	Sindh, Pakistan	Annexed in 1843.	
3	Bombay	Maharashtra	Presidency.	
4	Madras	Tamil Nadu	Presidency.	
5	Berar	Maharashtra (Vidarbha)	Under British control from 1853.	
6	Bengal	West Bengal and Bangladesh	Presidency; seat of British power.	
7	Bihar	Bihar	Part of the Bengal Presidency.	
8	Orissa	Odisha	Part of the Bengal Presidency.	
9	Surat	Gujarat	Early English trading centre.	
10	Calcutta	Kolkata, West Bengal	Capital of British India.	
11	Patna	Bihar	On the Ganga.	
12	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh (Prayagraj)	At the Ganga–Yamuna confluence.	

2023: two places under British control in 1857 were marked A and B for identification.

Main centres of the Revolt of 1857

Part III · Rebels and the Raj · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Delhi	Delhi	Rebels proclaimed Bahadur Shah Zafar their leader.	
2	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	Sepoys mutinied on 10 May 1857.	
3	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh	Rani Lakshmibai.	
4	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Capital of Awadh; Birjis Qadr declared nawab.	
5	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Nana Sahib.	
6	Azamgarh	Uttar Pradesh	Azamgarh Proclamation, 25 August 1857.	
7	Calcutta	Kolkata, West Bengal	British capital.	
8	Benaras	Uttar Pradesh	Centre of revolt on the Ganga.	
9	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	Centre of revolt in central India.	
10	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	Centre of revolt in central India.	
11	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	On the Yamuna.	
12	Awadh	Central Uttar Pradesh	Annexed in 1856; the revolt there was especially intense.	

Important centres of the National Movement

Part III · Mahatma Gandhi and the Nationalist Movement · **Locate and label**

#	Place	Where (today)	Remember	Asked
1	Champaran	Bihar	1917: Gandhiji's campaign for indigo peasants.	2022
2	Kheda	Gujarat	1918: peasant satyagraha.	



3	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	1918: mill workers' satyagraha; Sabarmati Ashram, start of the Dandi March.	
4	Benaras	Uttar Pradesh	Feb 1916: Gandhiji's speech at the opening of Banaras Hindu University.	
5	Amritsar	Punjab	1919: Jallianwala Bagh massacre.	2022
6	Chauri Chaura	Uttar Pradesh (Gorakhpur)	Feb 1922: police station torched; Gandhiji called off Non-Cooperation.	
7	Lahore	Punjab, Pakistan	Dec 1929 Congress session under Nehru: purna swaraj.	
8	Bardoli	Gujarat	1928: peasant satyagraha.	
9	Dandi	Gujarat coast	1930: Gandhiji broke the salt law.	2022
10	Bombay	Maharashtra	August 1942: Quit India resolution.	
11	Karachi	Sindh, Pakistan	1931 Congress session: resolution on Fundamental Rights.	

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