

## *Making Inferences*

**There are 2 parts to this worksheet. You are to complete both parts. Share your answers.**

**1. Read these quotations from the story and for each quotation see how many inferences you can make about the ancient civilization of the Indus Valley.**

- a) “The citadel was the center of religion and government for Mohenjo-Daro’s 35,000 people. In the middle of the citadel was the Great Bath. It was a huge, deep bath with steps leading into it. The people used it for religious purposes because they believed water to be a great purifier.”
- b) “Indatri remembered the great granary in Mohenjo-Daro where the grain was stored. It was a huge building made of thousands of fired bricks and could hold enough food to feed the entire city for a long time.”
- c) “Closing her eyes, Indatri could see herself running through the wide main streets of Mohenjo-Daro. The main streets ran from north to south. There were smaller streets that ran from east to west and even narrower lanes that divided the houses.”
- d) “She passed the many craft workshops not yet open for business and soon reached the waterfront.” and “(Yamuru ) was carefully unpacking her best pottery. She was so pleased that the fine pots with their beautiful designs had not been broken on the journey.”
- e) “Arranged on a colorful cotton cloth were ..... ,” and “Avara’s seal, a horned bull, looked very fine resting against his colorful cotton robe.”

**2. Answer the following questions.**

### **1. The black birds**

In the story *Life in the Indus Valley* you learned why birds were taken aboard the sea going ships. Today ships do not carry birds for this purpose. What has replaced the birds?

### **2. Hygiene**

The cities of the Indus Valley were cleaner, and a healthier place to live, than many cities of other civilizations of the time.

Choose a quotation from the story that supports this view.