The Sanchi Stupa

1. Where is Sanchi located?

2. Why is the stupa famous?

3. What was Sanchi famous for in the earlier times?

4. Which remains at this site tell you that?

5. What were monasteries? What were they used for?

6. What kind of a structure do you see in front of you?
7. Who built it?

8. What is a stupa? What is it used for?

9. How old is the stupa?

10. When was the stupa discovered and by whom?

11. What is it made of?

12. How big is the stupa?

13. How many gateways do you see around the main stupa?

14. What is special about the gateways?

15. Who built the gateways?

16. What are these gateways called?

17. What is carved on the eastern gateway?

18. Which gateway shows you the Buddha in seven births?
19. What are these seven incarnations shown here?

20. What does the northern gateway show?

21. On which gateway do you find the wheel of law?

22. What is meant by the “wheel of law”?

23. Which gateway depicts the first sermon given by the Buddha?

24. Where did the Buddha give the first sermon?

25. Do you find any statue of the Buddha at Sanchi?

26. Why do you think there is no statue of the Buddha here?

27. What is the Buddha represented by?
28. Find out what each of these signs represent:

a) The lotus flower-

b) The big tree-

c) The wheel-

d) The footprints and the throne of the Buddha-

e) The stupa-

29. How many other stupas do you see around the main stupa?

30. What do they contain?

31. The ruins of which other structures do you find around the stupa?

32. How old is the temple considered to be?

33. How can historians tell how old a temple is?
33. Try to locate a great stone bowl. Find out what it was used for.

34. Find out more about the following Jataka stories depicted on the gateways of Sanchi:
   a) The great monkey
   b) The six-tusked elephant

35. Do you think the stupa is unique? If so, in what way? Give reasons for your answer.

36. Do you think it is important to preserve this monument? Give reasons for your answer.

36. Make a sketch of any part of the monument that inspires you the most.