

1. What were the 2 types of early states?

Ans- The 2 types of early states are - Monarchies and Republics.

2. What are punch marked coins?

Ans- Punch Marked Coins were used by the traders. Punch marked coins were made of silver and copper with punched symbols of hills or trees.

3. Name any 2 taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas.

Ans- Some taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas are-

- i) The farmers were required to pay  $1/6^{\text{th}}$  of their agricultural produce as tax.
- ii) Craftmen paid taxes either by supplying craft items or by working for a certain number of days for the king.
- iii) The herders and hunters used to provide a portion of their produce as tax.
- iv) Traders were also taxed on goods bought and sold.

4. Give an account of Bimbisara and his son in running Magadha successfully.

Ans- Magadha was one of the 16 Mahajanapadas or ~~kingdoms~~ Kingdoms in ancient India.

- The first known ruler of Magadha Kingdom is Bimbisara (558-493 BCE), belonged to Harayanka

## Dynasty,

- He was a capable ruler, he set up an excellent administrative system and built an extensive network of roads and communication.
- He strengthened his position by annexing the neighbouring state of Anga.
- Ajatshatru son of Bimbisara ascended the throne of Magadha around 492 BCE.
- He was an efficient ruler and was also considered fair and just. He was a follower of Buddhism.
- He shifted his capital to Pataliputra and built a huge fort there. He annexed Kosala and Vrijji.