Example of notes taken for Lecture 9 (500 BCE: Persia and Central Asia)

1. **What is the time period that was discussed?**
   ca. 500 BCE - 300 BCE

2. **What is the geo-political story?**
   Demise of Egypt and Mesopotamia as power elites
   Shift to Central Asia - Achaemenid Empire
   Persian connection from Greece to India – the Royal Roads of Persia
   Zoroastrianism and Vedic Religion

3. **What sites or buildings are associated with that story?**
   Persepolis
   Yazd, Iran
   Ganges Rivers
   Varanasi

4. **What are some of the characteristics of that architecture?**
   Adapana; large meeting hall and staircase
   Fire temples: square in plan with four openings on the sides
   Tower of Silence (*dakhma*) circular and on top of mountains
   Ratha: mobile temples

4. **Specialized vocabulary**
   Agiary
   Dakhma
   Ratha
1. **What is the time period that was discussed?**

ca. 400 BCE to 400 CE

2. **What is the geo-political story?**

Buddhism as internal phenomenon to India

Trade brings it into contact with Hellenism

From the abstract to the figural

2. **What sites or buildings are associated with that story?**

Sanchi

Karla Caves

Buddhas of Bamiyan

3. **What are some of the characteristics of that architecture?**

Stupa as solid mass

Relation to aobao of Mongolia- residence of the gods

Circumambulation

Rock-cut

Relation to sacred dairy

Emergence of giant buddha tradition

4. **Specialized vocabulary**

Stupa

chattra

chaitya-grihas

aobao
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