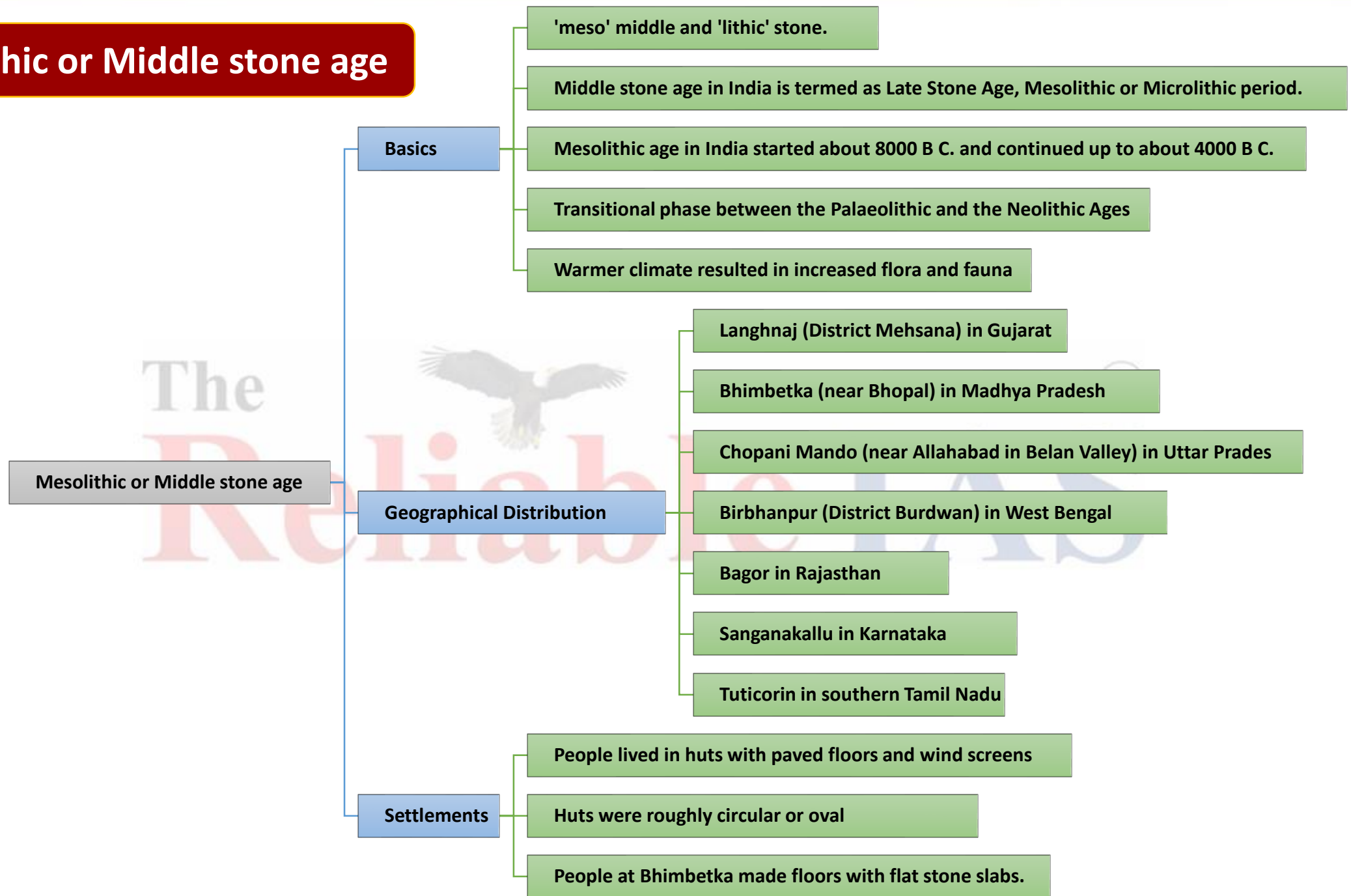


Mesolithic or Middle stone age



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Society

people began to have fixed settlements

people were essentially hunters, food-gatherers and fishermen

domesticated varieties of animals like cattle, sheep and goat

hunted smaller animals with bows and Spears

depended on vegetables or plants for food rather than animal meat.

Recreational activities

paintings at Bhimbetka

dances of ritual significance.

musical instruments such as blowpipes and horns were used

Burials

rock-painting of a family mourning the death of a child at Bhimbetka

At Langhanj human skeletons were associated with quartzite pebbles

four types of burials

1. Extended burial

2. Flexed (folded) burial

3. Fractional (secondary burial)

4. Double Burials

Multiple burials were witnessed at Sarai Nihar Rai and Mahadaha

Mesolithic people interred objects like microliths, animal bones and beads along with the dead