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Literary Sources for the Reconstruction of the History of Ancient
India

1. Brahmanical Literature
 - a) Vedas
 - (i) Rigveda
 - (ii) Yajurveda
 - (iii) Samveda
 - (iv) Atharvaveda

- b) Epics
- (i) Ramayana
- (ii) Mahabharata
- c) Puranas (28 in number)
- (i) Vayu Purana
- (ii) Vishnu Purana
- (iii) Brahma Purana
- (iv) Bhagvata Purana
- (v) Matsya Purana
- etc.

2. Buddhist Literature
- a) Jataka
 - b) Pitaka
 - (i) Vinaya
 - (ii) Sutta
 - (ii) Abhidhamma
 - c) Nikaya

3. Jain Literature

a) Angas (12 in number)

(i) Acharanga

(ii) Sthananga

(iii) Samvayanga

(iv) Suttrakritanga

Etc.

b) Jain Puranas

- (i) Mahapurana
- (ii) Adipurana
- (iii) Harivanshapurana