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Ans. When members of the same family become rulers one after another, the family is often called a dynasty. The Mauryas were a dynasty with three important rulers — Chandragupta, his son Bindusara, and Bindusara's son, Ashoka.

Q2. When did Ashoka's inclination towards Buddhism developed?

Ans. After the Battle of Kalinga, he was so horrified when he saw the violence and bloodshed that he decided not to fight any more wars. He slowly became the follower of the Buddhist religion and adopted the path of non-violence.

Q3. Why Ashoka known as a unique ruler?

Ans. Ashoka was known as a unique ruler because

- i. The most famous Mauryan ruler was Ashoka.
- ii. He was the first ruler who tried to take his message to the people through inscriptions.
- iii. Most of Ashoka's inscriptions were in Prakrit and were written in the Brahmi script.