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The Mahabharata is a heroic narrative that tells of the struggle for sovereignty between two groups of cousins, the

\_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun (sons of Dhritarashtra, the descendant of Kuru) and the \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun (sons of Pandu).

The feud culminates in a series of great battles on the field of \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun. All the Kauravas are

annihilated, and, on the victorious side, only the five Pandava brothers and Lord Krishna survive. One of the

major "villains" of the story is Shakuni. He was the brother of Gandhari and hence Duryodhana's maternal uncle.

He is believed to be an extremely \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective but devious man. Shakuni is often credited as the

\_\_\_\_\_ Noun behind the Mahabharata war. Shakuni had two sons named Uluka and Vrikaasur.

Ways in which Shakuni incited war include:

1) Advising an adolescent \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun to mix \_\_\_\_\_ Noun into Bhima's food.

2) Hiring Purochana to kill the Pandavas in the \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun of \_\_\_\_\_ Noun.

3) Secretly wanting the great sage Durvasa to curse the Pandavas in anger, he asked the sage to visit the

Pandavas in the forest knowing that the Pandavas would then have nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ Verb him.

4) Before the war he advised Duryodhana to feed Shalya's army and make Shalya his ally who wanted to fight

for the Pandavas.

5) During the Kurukshetra war he abetted in the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun of Arjuna's son \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun by

\_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense and breaking the war protocol.

Some

facts about Shakuni you may not have known:

1) Shakuni was not happy to see his sister Gandhari marrying a blind man and so his immediate enemy was Bhishma who brought the proposal of a blind man for his sister. In addition, there is another legendary story which highlights the fact that the ancestors of Hastinapur destroyed the entire clan of Gandhara. This is one of the reasons why Shakuni vowed that he would end the entire Kuru line.

2) Shakuni's dice was made of           Noun           and the reason why it is considered as magical because Shakuni was an illusionist, who created an illusion in front of the Pandavas and others, that he won and they lose.

3) Gandhari, his sister was a Lord Krishna devotee who prayed Lord Krishna all the time even when he was against her son's army in the Kurukshetra war. However, unlike his sister Shakuni, was not a Vishnu devotee but a           Proper Noun           who offered his prayers to Lord           Proper Noun          .