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Ch. 3 – Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent

Study Guide

Chapter 3 Section 1 Geography of the Fertile Crescent

Rivers Support the Growth of Civilizations

Where did early peoples like to settle? _____

Why? _____

Mesopotamia means “between two rivers.” What two rivers make up Mesopotamia?
_____ and _____

Mesopotamia is part of a larger region extending from Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea. What is this region called? _____ which is a

Fertile silt made this region ideal for farming. What is silt? _____

What was grown in this area? _____

Farming and Cities

What were two concerns of farmers during this time in this particular region?

How did they solve the problems listed above? _____, which is

Mesopotamians also dug _____, human-made waterways, to protect houses from flooding and move water to their fields.

With water controlled in Mesopotamia, people were able to produce a food
_____, or _____; as a result of this, people were able to develop new occupations, such as

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

This type of arrangement in which each worker specializes in a particular task or job is called a

How might running large projects prepare people for running a government?

Chapter 3 Section 2
The Rise of Sumer

An Advanced Society

Where and how did most Sumerians live? _____

Rural means _____
Urban means _____

What were city-states and how did they get along with each other? _____

What city-state gained power in 3500BC? _____

Between 3500-2500BC, which two city-states were fighting for control?

One of Uruk's kings became a legendary figure in Sumerian literature. What was his name?

Who were the Akkadians? _____

Who was the ruler of Akkadians? _____ AND he was the first to have a

How did Sargon create an empire? _____

What is an empire? _____

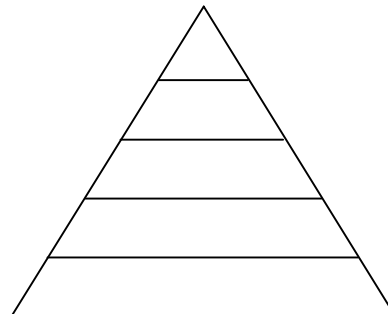
Religion Shapes Society

Worshipping many gods is known as _____. What are
some gods Sumerians worshipped? _____

Why did priests gain high status in Sumer? _____

What is social hierarchy? _____

Describe and fill in Sumer's social hierarchy.



What did men and women of Sumer do?

Men	Women

Chapter 3 Section 3 Sumerian Achievements

Directions: Choose five Sumerian inventions or achievements and fill in the chart below.

Invention/Achievement/Advancement	How did Sumerians use it?	How do we use it today? / What do we have today?

Chapter 3 Section 4 Later Peoples of the Fertile Crescent

The Babylonians Conquer Mesopotamia

Babylon is located on the _____ river near present day Baghdad, Iraq. Babylon was once a Sumerian town, but eventually became home to a powerful _____.

Who was Babylon's king? _____

A ruler of a kingdom or empire is known as a _____

Eventually Hammurabi brought all Mesopotamia into his empire, calling it the _____

Hammurabi is most famous for his code of laws which is _____

Specific crimes brought specific penalties. Did social class play a factor in these laws?

Yes/No Example: _____

Hammurabi's code was important because it was written down. Why would it have been helpful for people to have the law code written down? _____

Invasions of Mesopotamia

Who built a strong kingdom in Asia Minor? _____ Where was Asia Minor located in relation to Mesopotamia? _____

The Hittites were successful in building a kingdom because of two main reasons. Name them and describe how the Hittites used it.

1.

2.

Did the Hittites conquer Babylon? Yes/No

Did their rule (the Hittites) last long? Yes/No

Then who ruled? _____

Around 1200s BC who gained control of Babylon and where were they from?

The Assyrians were defeated, then recovered, and came back strong taking over _____

Assyrians key to success:

1.

2.

After conquering the Fertile Crescent, the Assyrians ruled from Nineveh, where Nineveh located? _____

What did Assyrians demand from the people of the empire? _____

Assyrian kings ruled their empire through _____. These peoples had several jobs, what were they?

1.

2.

3.

What weakened the Assyrian empire? _____

A group of people from the Syrian Desert took advantage of this weakness in the Assyrian empire and attacked destroying the capital of Assyrian empire; who were they?

Who was the most famous Chaldean king? _____

What advances did the Chaldeans make? _____

The Phoenicians

Where was Phoenicia located? _____

Phoenicians created a _____

Phoenicia had few resources but what valuable trading item? _____

They could not trade by land because of _____, so they traded by _____

Because of trading this was the Phoenicians became expert _____

Phoenicia founded several new colonies along their trade routes. What was one of the most famous? _____

Phoenicia grew very wealthy from trade, trading goods such as _____

Phoenicians most important achievement wasn't trading goods it was _____

Timeline! Put in order all the Fertile Crescent Empires we've discussed in this section. Don't forget the dates 😊
