Holy Notes of Mesopotamia

*Geography of the Fertile Crescent*

* *The area between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rivers is known as Mesopotamia.*
* *Mesopotamia is part of the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a large arc of rich, or fertile, farmland.*
* *The Fertile Crescent extends from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea.*
* *Mesopotamia was first settled by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than 12,000 years ago.*
* *The first farm settlements formed in Mesopotamia about 7000 BC.*
  + *Yearly floods brought* ***silt****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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* + *Farmers grew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and other types of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
  + *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were also good sources of food.*

*Farming*

Region received little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Flooding could destroy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, kill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and wash away \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knew they needed ways to control the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flow.

**Controlling Water**

* **Used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a way of supplying water to an area of land**
  + **Dug out large storage basins to collect rain**
* **Dug \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, human-made waterways, to connect the basins to irrigation ditches. Built up the rivers’ banks to prevent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Cities*

* Settlements grew both in size and complexity.
* Society still based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Cities became important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and power bases for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Cities were the , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ centers.

*Sumerians*

The Sumerians developed the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Mesopotamia.

* No one knows where the Sumerians came from.
* By 3000 BC several hundred thousand had settled in a part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_they called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They developed an advanced society and the world’s first civilization.
* Most Sumerians were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were the urban, or city, areas.
* The basic political unit of Sumer was the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, which consisted of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Fought each other to gain more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Built \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around cities

Akkadian

First ruler with a permanent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Established world’s first **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, or land with different territories and peoples under a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religion

* Religion played a role in nearly every aspect of Sumerian life.
* Sumerians practiced **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the worship of many gods.
* **Priests**,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, had great status in Sumer.

**Social Order**

Kings of Sumer claimed that they had been chosen by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Priests were just below kings in Sumer’s **social hierarchy**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Next were Sumer’s skilled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Trade had a great impact on Sumerian society.

Below traders, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made up the large working class.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were at the bottom of the social order.

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| Men | Women |
| * Held political power * Made \_\_\_\_\_ * Were educated | * Took care of home and children * Some in upper-class were educated * Some educated women were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and helped shape Sumerian culture. * One priestess, a daughter of Sargon, Enheduanna, was the first known female \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in history. |

*Sumerian Achievement*

Sumerians developed **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the world’s first system of writing.

They used sharp tools called styluses to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Earlier written communication had used **pictographs**, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* First used to keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ records
* **Scribes**, or writers, were hired by people, government, and temples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Wrote works on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Wrote stories, proverbs, songs, poems, and **epics**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Used for wheeled vehicles and a potter’s wheel to spin clay as a craftsperson shapes it into bowls**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Pulled by oxen to prepare soil for planting**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Used falling water to measure time**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Built under city streets to carry waste away**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Used to make strong tools and weapons**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_For personal ornamentation**

**Architecture**

**City centers were dominated by temples. Each city had a ziggurat, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* **Cylinder seals were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When rolled over clay, the designs leave behind an imprint. They were used to show ownership of containers, to sign documents, and to decorate other clay objects.**

***Babylonians***

* The Babylonians conquered Mesopotamia and created a code of law.
* **Babylon** was located on the Euphrates near what is now\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It had once been Sumerian.
* In 1792 BC \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became Babylon’s king, and would become the city’s greatest ruler.
* His most important accomplishment was **Hammurabi’s Code**.
  + Some ideas in the Code are still found in laws today.
  + Each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brought a specific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ required different penalties.
  + Written down for all to see

Hittites: Skillfully used **chariot**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Phoenicians

* Phoenicia’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_were blocked by mountains and hostile neighbors, so they built a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Phoenician traders travelled to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Atlantic Ocean. They founded several new colonies, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Developed one of the world’s first **alphabets**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.