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| MESOPOTAMIA |
| **STANDARD:** Early civilizations with unique governments, economics, social structures, religions, technology, and agricultural practices and products flourished as a result of favorable geographic characteristics. |
| **I CAN:** - I can explain why civilizations developed near rivers. (THIS)- I can describe how the environment helps shape human civilizations.- I can explain the cultural practices of Mesopotamia and how they have influenced our society today. Cultural practices include:* Class structure
* Religious Beliefs
* Government/laws
* Writing
* Economic Systems
* Agricultural contributions/ technology
* Scientific contributions/ technology
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| MESOPOTAMIA Vocabulary |
| **Mesopotamia** – the land \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Fertile Crescent**- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Mesopotamia - the rich land between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers**Fertile**- soil rich in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Silt**- Small particles of rich, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Irrigation**- to bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**City-state**- a central city and its surrounding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**Sumerians**- the first inhabitants of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**Empire**- nation or group of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ruled by one emperor**Emperor**- ruler of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Hammurabi**- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a code of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - early government **Class system**- system in which a society is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into several social groups, usually by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Cuneiform**- Sumerian’s first system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; wedge-shape symbols on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Scribe**- a professional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Polytheism**- belief in many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . **Ziggurat** – a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shaped structure with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the top for religious worship. **Contributions**- something people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and passed on (wheel, writing, religion)**Specialization** - focusing on one specific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Surplus** – an amount that has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after a need has been met.  |

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| MESOPOTAMIA Vocabulary |
| **Mesopotamia** - the land BETWEEN the RIVERS. **Fertile Crescent** - ANOTHER NAME for Mesopotamia - the rich land between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.**Fertile** - soil rich in NUTRIENTS and RESOURCES. **Silt** - Small particles of rich, FERTLE SOIL. **Irrigation** - to bring WATER to DRY LAND.**City-state** - a central city and its surrounding LAND.**Sumerians** - the first inhabitants of MESOPOTAMIA or THE MIDDLE EAST. **Empire** - nation or group of CITY-STATES, ruled by one emperor**Emperor** - ruler of an EMIPRE. **Hammurabi** – 1st EMPEROR with a code of LAWS - early government. **Class system** - system in which a society is SEPARATED into several social groups.**Cuneiform** - Sumerian’s first system of WRITING; wedge-shape symbols on CLAY TABLETS. **Scribe** – a professional WRITER. **Polytheism** - belief in many GODS. **Ziggurat** - a PYRAMID shaped structure with a TEMPLE on the top for religious worship. **Contributions** - something people DID or MADE and passed on (wheel, writing, religion)**Specialization** - focusing on one specific JOB or SKILL. **Surplus** - an amount that has been LEFT OVER after a need has been met. |