

Constructive Response Question

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The Earliest Humans

Outcomes: Rise of Civilization & Mesopotamia

1. Setting the Stage

- a. How did Agriculture change life for humans?
 - i. Began dwelling in larger, more _____
 - ii. _____ gradually grew
 - iii. _____ began to matter

2. Villages Grow into Cities

- a. Farming became easier due to advances in _____ and domestication of _____
- b. Bigger _____ also resulted from better technology
- c. Fact: The more _____ you have in _____, the bigger the _____ that can be supported
- d. As cities grew, so did responsibilities ---> _____
- e. The _____ and the _____ allowed trade to occur over longer distances
- f. No _____ yet
- g. _____ began to emerge
- h. _____ became more organized

3. How Civilization Develops

- a. A Civilization is a complex culture with 5 characteristics



- i. _____
 1. Size alone does not distinguish a city from a village
 2. Must be a center for _____
- ii. _____
 1. _____: the development of skills in a specific kind of work
 2. _____: skilled workers who make goods by hand
- iii. _____
 1. _____: a long-lasting pattern of organization in a community
 2. Ex: _____, religion, and the _____
- iv. _____
 1. Ex. _____, passage of laws, storage of _____
 2. Around 3000 B.C. Sumerian _____ (professional record keepers) invented a writing system called _____.
 3. Cuneiform: _____ point pressed into wet clay to make symbols. P. 21
- v. _____
 1. Ex: Ox drawn plows, potters wheel, using bronze
 2. Melt _____ and _____ together = _____



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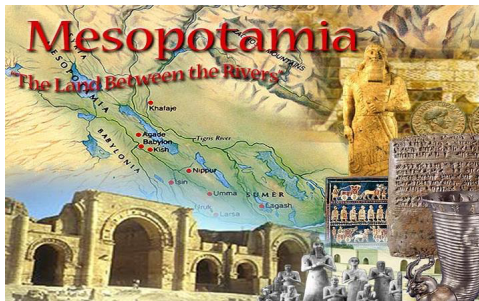


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4. Geography of Mesopotamia

- Located in modern day _____
- Rich land and curved shape led scholars to call it the _____
- _____ and _____ Rivers run through region
- Rivers unpredictably _____ yearly leaving thick layer of mineral rich _____
- Periods of no rain could cause _____ conditions. Solution: _____.
- No _____ in Mesopotamia for protection. Solution: they built _____
- Natural resources were _____. Solution: _____ networks were established.



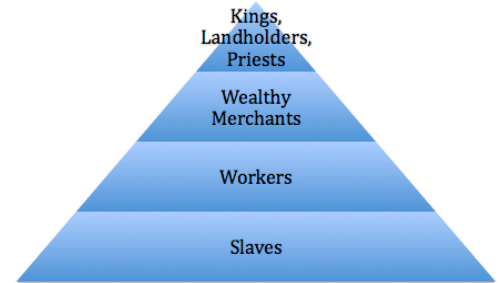
5. Sumerians Create City-States

- The Sumerians exemplified the _____ of a civilization
- Sumerians developed city-states: _____
- Early government was controlled by _____
- _____ was a place of worship and like a town hall
- In some cases, military leaders became full-time rulers and passed powers to _____
- Dynasty: _____
- Cultural Diffusion:** ideas or products _____ from one culture to another through _____ and _____

6. Sumerian Culture

- Sumerians were _____: belief in more than one god
- When you died you went to the “_____,” a dismal and gloomy place
- Sumerians had _____ (see pyramid to right)
- Sumerian women had _____ than many later Civilizations

- _____ was one of the world’s first cities
 - Flourished _____ years ago
 - _____ people
 - City _____
 - Used the _____ system for trade
 - Worshipped at the _____



- _____ of Akkad conquered Sumer in 2350 B.C.
- Sargon created the world’s _____: the bringing together of several peoples or nations under the control of one ruler.
- Babylonian ruler **Hammurabi** came up with _____
- Hammurabi’s Code**: single, _____ engraved in stone to help _____ diverse groups within his empire

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