The ancient civilization of Mesopotamia **(“Land between 2 Rivers”)** was located between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River. This area around the **rivers** often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and **deposited** \_\_\_\_\_ on the land.

**Today**, the **country of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is found where Mesopotamia was.

By **digging canals to irrigate their fields**, the Sumerians were able to develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What was a city-state?

Name some **advances to civilization** (or inventions) that **Sumerians** developed:

What did they call the **religious temple in the center** of each city-state?

Sumerians used which **technology**/tool to make **planting crops easier**?

Food surpluses allowed people in civilizations to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Know why the people in Sumer **first chose priests to rule**. Know why **later strong kings were chosen**.

How did Sumerians view their gods?

What is the word meaning “many gods”?

**Sumerian social classes**

* *Upper class* = kings, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, landowners, rich \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, & government officials
* *Middle classes* = (all free people) including farmers and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Lower class* = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sumerian writing systems**

* original = clay tokens that had an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the product kept inside a container
* later = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-shaped marks called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” which was carved with a stylus
* Because writing was so important for record keeping, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were highly respected.

MAP SKILLS: Study the map on page 94. Understand what the symbols in the key/legend mean.

* Practice measuring distances from one city to another by using the scale
	+ Tip: Tear a piece of small paper so that it is the same size as the scale. Then lay that paper scale over the map, just like you would use a ruler. Record the miles or km.

ESSAY TOPICS: You’ll choose one topic. Start your response with a ***thesis statement*** (restate the question).

* Rivers affected the lives of Sumerian people, in more ways than just agriculture
	+ flooding, irrigation, trade, mud
* Agricultural advances made by early Mesopotamians allowed the civilization of Sumer to arise
	+ more and more crops, cities grew, specialization