**Chapter 3, Lesson 1**

**Geography of Mesopotamia**

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| **Terms** | **Definition** | **Importance** |
| Mesopotamia |  |  |
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| silt |  |  |
| sermiarid |  |  |
| drought |  |  |
| surplus |  |  |

**MAIN IDEAS**

1. How did the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers support agriculture?

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2. How did the climate of Mesopotamia likely affect early farmers’ decisions about where to settle and build farming villages?

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3. What made Mesopotamia a good region for farming?

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5. How did Mesopotamians water their crops during droughts?

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6. Look at the diagram on p. 84, why do you think the canals became smaller as they reached individual fields? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. How did Mesopotamians cope with a lack of resources?

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8. What factor made Mesopotamians cope with a lack of resources?

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9. What factor made Mesopotamia subject to attack from outside invacers?

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10. Why was trade important in Mesopotamia?

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**NOTE TAKING SKILL**

**Summarizing:** Write a sentence or two summarizing each of the main sections

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| **Geography of Mesopotamia** |
| The rivers of Mesopotamia were important because |
| Mesopotamians watered their crops by |
| Due to a lack of resources, Mesopotamians |

**Chapter 3, Lesson 2**

**The First Civilizations**

**TERMS AND NAMES**

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| **Terms** | **Definition** | **Importance** |
| civilizations |  |  |
| Sumer |  |  |
| city state |  |  |
| ziggurat |  |  |
| ploytheism |  |  |

**MAIN IDEAS**

1. How did civilization develop in the region of Sumer?

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2. Why are civilizations considered “advanced” and “complex”?

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3. Look at the chart on p. 90, what examples of advanced technology are included in the table shown?

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4. Why was Sumer a good example of civilization?

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5. What new type of community developed in Sumer?

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6. Where were most of the Sumerian city-states located and why?

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7. What can you infer about the role of religion in Sumer from the fact that the ziggurat was the center of city life?

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8. How did the leadership of Sumer change?

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9. What did Sumerians see as their responsibilities to the gods?

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10. Why could the job of being king in Sumer be considered an example of specialization?

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**NOTE TAKING SKILL**

**Making Generalizations:** Look for the effects of each of the following causes

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| **Civilization in Sumer** |
| Advanced Cities |  |
| Specialized Workers |  |
| Complex Institutions |  |
| Record Keeping |  |
| Advanced Technology |  |

**Chapter 3, Lesson 3**

**Life in Sumer**

**TERMS AND NAMES**

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| **Terms** | **Definition** | **Importance** |
| bronze |  |  |
| pictographs  |  |  |
| stylus |  |  |
| cuneiform |  |  |
| scribes |  |  |

**MAIN IDEAS**

1. What were the social classes that made up Sumerian society?

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2. What is the effect of a class system on a society?

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3. Which class in Sumerian society made it possible to get the least desirable jobs done?

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4. Why were kings and priests in the highest class?

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5. What tools did the Sumerians invent?

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6. What are two ways Sumerians used wheels?

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7. How have Sumerians development in mathematics affected the world?

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8. How did new tools make life better for the Sumerians?

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9. How did the Sumerians invent writing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. What were two ways mentioned in which cuneiform was used? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. Why are proverbs sometimes difficult to understand? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. Why were scribes highly respected in Sumer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE TAKING SKILL:**

**Categorizing:**

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| **Life in Sumer** |
| **Society** | **Technology** | **Writing** |
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