

Land and Climate in Mesopotamia

I. LAND AND CLIMATE

- A. Characteristics - rolling hills
 - 1. tillable soil, light rain
 - 2. intense sun, relentless wind
- B. No natural barriers
 - 1. Armenian hills lie to north
 - 2. Arabian desert to south

Good Effects	Bad Effects
Encourage Trade	Easy Access to Invader
Spread Ideas	

Prediction: Ideas of this culture could be easily spread to others and easily conquered by others.

Resources	Needs
Clay	Stone & Wood- Mts from the north
Water	Cedar Wood- Lebanon
Cloth	Metals- Persia
Grain- Wheat and Barley	Spices, Dyes, Jewels- From India
Reeds	

Homes In Sumer

I. General Design

- A. Flat roofed, one-story high
- B. Walls more than 10 feet high
- C. Built of mud, white-washed in and out
- D. Several rooms built around an open courtyard

II. Interior

- A. Furniture made of wood
- B. Reed mats, skin rugs, wall hangings
- C. Utensils made of stone, bronze or copper

III. Upper class homes

- A. Two-story: kitchen/reception room, bedrooms, bathrooms, private chapel
- B. Burial crypt under house