

Mesopotamia Part I Study Guide

The word "Mesopotamia" means: _____

What prompted the people of northern Mesopotamia to move south? _____

Explain what a *tel* is? _____

What were some of the new challenges Sumerian farmers faced? _____

Name 3 main/important resources readily available and share 2 examples of how each were used:

Name 2 other cultures the Sumerians traded with and what they imported from them:

The main source of *conflict* in Sumer was: _____ and _____ rights.

Written Contracts, Charging Interest and Letters of Credit are all examples of: _____

What was the main threat the city-states of Sumer faced by remaining independent kingdoms? _____

List four occupations that brought wealth to Sumer:

List the eight aspects of a civilization we talked about in class:

What legitimized the king's power to rule and how? _____

If metals were not readily available in Sumer, the presence of gold and silver objects in Queen Puabli's tomb shows what about the Sumerian Society of Ur? _____

Besides religious use, what would other uses be for the ziggurat? List three others:

Because there was easy trade amongst the city-states and foreign peoples, the spread of ideas, skills and the ways of life were transferred and exchanged. We refer to this as: _____

Who were educated in Sumer? _____

What evidence can you supply to the claim that Sumerian society had a social structure/hierarchy? _____

Explain and Elaborate upon these terms or people as they relate to what we studied:

stele: _____

Fertile Crescent: _____

city-state: _____

patriarchy: _____

cuneiform: _____

polytheism: _____

monotheism: _____

theocracy: _____

bicameral: _____

cylinder seal: _____

Standard of Ur: _____

Sir Leonard Woolley: _____

Henry Rawlinson: _____

King Darius I: _____

Look over your Venn Diagrams. Be able to compare and contrast US with Sumer in re: Economy, Government, Writing, Schools, and Social Structure.

Be able to identify main locations on a map such as: Mesopotamia, Tigris R., Euphrates R., Zagros Mts., Persian Gulf, Arabia

You will also be asked to order dates from oldest to youngest by paying attention to the BC, BCE, CE, and AD. This was something many needed extra time with and will be re-assessed.

There also may be some source or picture for you to analyze. You will need to be able to make claims and support those claims with specific evidence and elaboration.