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Greeks I Egypt

What is the Fertile Crescent, and what is its significance in world history?

What societal effects and activities were caused by river flooding in the Fertile Crescent?

surplus

Why was Egypt relatively isolated, and how did this affect its culture?

In what ways did the environment affect Egypt's culture (geography as destiny)?

What are key features of Egyptian religion? Is any of it familiar to us today?

Isis Osiris Seth

Horus

How was the Pharaoh seen in the Old Kingdom (c. 3000-2300)? What was accomplished?

Ma'at

Complete access to the afterlife

How was Egypt beginning to change by the end of the Old Kingdom (2300 B.C.)?

Priests

Officials

How was Egypt different during the Middle Kingdom (2100-1900) than it had been?

Who were the Hyksos, and what was their effect on Egypt?

the wheel

chariots

metal weapons

What characterized the New Kingdom Period (1500 - 1000)?

Hatsephut

Akenaten - Amarna, monotheistic: Aten - Ammon Ra, Nefertiti

Tutmoses

Book of Dead: anyone can get into the afterlife

Ramses

Summarize the 3000 years of Egyptian culture. To what extent does it still influence us?

Stability

Geometry

Monumental building and sculpture

Name _____ Greeks I Mesopotamia

Where is Mesopotamia, and how did its location make it different than Egypt?

Unstable
Creative
prep for war:

Where was Sumer, and what were the main features of its culture?

Cuneiform : Gilgamesh, written down as early as 2200 BC/1400BC, oral 3000

record keeping
uniform weights and measures: merchant culture
“money” barley, metal
smelting, bronze
measures of time: 7 days, calendar, 24 hour day
astronomy
slavery

In what major ways were the Sumerians different than the Egyptians?

change/creativity more necessary in Sumeria
frequent changes of power

Who were the Semites, and what was their culture like?

Paternalistic

Why did a merchant class rise in Mesopotamia, and how did it affect its culture?

How was the concept of justice in Mesopotamia different than ma'at in Egypt?

1800 Hammurapi

a lot of commercial rules
very class based

Why was war so widespread in Mesopotamia, and to what did it lead?

Describe Hammurapi's Code and its significance:

What other items still central to our culture did the Mesopotamians invent?

How did the concept of money evolve, and what were its effects?

How were Egypt and Mesopotamia different religiously?

What seems significant about Mesopotamia, and to what extent does it still influence us?