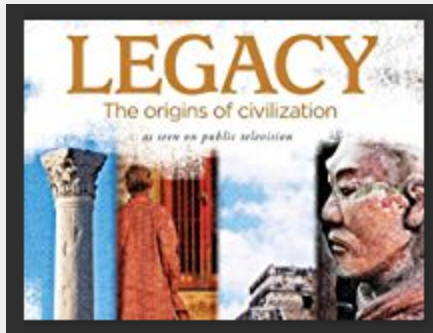


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BEFORE WE BEGIN:



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An Introduction to Ancient Mesopotamia. We will watch “Legacy: The Origins of Civilization” ep.1 “Iraq: The Cradle of Civilization”

Please have your Bingo card ready with your chosen terms.

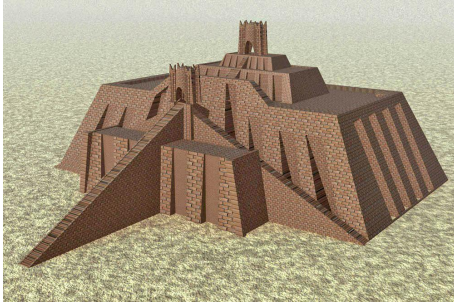


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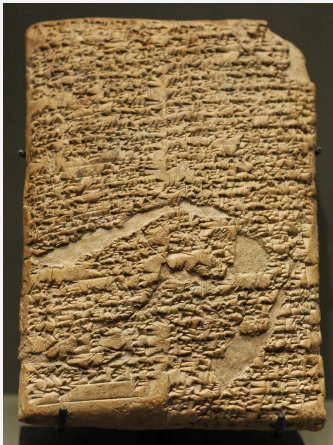
DIRECTIONS: Explore the links below in any order you wish. Be sure to record new knowledge, aha's, responses to questions and what you now wonder in the column on the right.

Text/Media:	Response:
Geography: Mesopotamia: The land between two rivers  The map shows the region of Mesopotamia, bounded by the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Key areas labeled include Anatolia to the north, Assyria and Media to the east, and Elam to the south. To the west, the Mediterranean Sea is shown, with Palestine and Lower Egypt nearby. The Nile river flows through Egypt, with Upper Egypt and the Nubian Desert also indicated. The Persian Gulf is to the southeast. A scale bar at the bottom left shows distances up to 1,000 Kilometres, and a north arrow is present.	Why do you think these early civilizations developed along rivers? What are some advantages and disadvantages of living near a river? Type answer here.
Religion: Gods, Goddesses, Demons and Monsters  The illustration depicts a bearded man wearing a tall, ornate headdress, standing next to a bull-headed deity. The man is holding a staff or scepter. The deity has a human face and a bull's head, and is standing on a base that resembles a lotus flower. The entire scene is set against a plain background.	Why were priests so important?

Architecture: [The Great Ziggurat of Ur](#)



Government: [Explore Hammurabi's Code](#)



What are the similarities between the laws of Hammurabi's code and our laws today?

Mysteries: The Hanging Gardens of Babylon

- [Watch](#)
- [Read](#)
- [Visit](#)



Why is the Hanging Gardens of Babylon considered one of the seven wonders of the world? What is so special about it? What makes it so mysterious?

Type your answer here.

Art & Technology: [The Inventions of Ancient Mesopotamia](#)

How did inventions and special knowledge support agriculture in Ancient Mesopotamia?

Type your answer here.

Can you guess what this is?



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Click on the source to find out.

Legends, Heroes & Mythology:

1. [The Epic of Gilgamesh](#)
2. [Gilgamesh the Hero](#)

What is it about the message or lesson in this story that made it so popular in ancient times? What can we infer about the values and culture of ancient Mesopotamians based on this story?

(You type your answers here)

The Funny Pages:



Click on the image source below to explore more ancient history cartoons: Choose one of the cartoons and complete the [cartoon analysis page](#).



"I'm glad they set that 140-character limit..."

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Create a comic (you can try Powtoon, Storyboard That or a Google slide) that makes a comparison between modern culture/news events and Ancient Mesopotamian culture. Share the link in Google classroom feed for "Funnies".

Mesopotamian Writing [Explore this Webpage](#)

A Cuneiform "Alphabet"

A	➤	N	➤➤
B	⚡	O	▶
C	⚡	P	⚡
D	⚡	Q	⚡
E	⚡	R	⚡
F	⚡	S	⚡
G	⚡	T	⚡
H	⚡	U	⚡
I	⚡	V	⚡
J	⚡	W	⚡
K	⚡	X	⚡
L	⚡	Y	⚡
M	⚡	Z	⚡

Write your name in Cuneiform: Open a new Google drawing, add the name tag image (pictured below but you can find it through google image search as well). Screenshot your cuneiform drawing and add to your Google drawing to create your Mesopotamian name tag.



What is the connection between commerce or trade and the development of systems of writing?

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Share:	What are some of the reasons for the decline of Sumer? What can the past teach us about the present? Type your answer here.

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