

# Near Eastern Civilizations Guided Notes

Directions: Your Guided Notes are a tool to use as you read your lesson pages in the course. These important notes will help you complete your lesson assessment, as well as prepare you for Discussion-Based Assessments, unit exams, and segment exams. You do not need to submit your Guided Notes for grading.

## Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning (use context clues)
Nomadic	
Monotheism	
Judaism	
Commandment	
Bartered	
Currency	
Colony	
Cultural diffusion	

## Geography

Describe the location of Canaan.

What two ancient groups of people lived there?

- 1.
- 2.

## Israelites

What do ancient texts tell us about the Israelite people?

Define monotheism and polytheism. Give an example of an ancient leader who followed each belief.

Monotheism:

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Polytheism:

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How are the Ten Commandments different from Hammurabi's code?

Who was Moses?

Who Were King David and King Solomon?

## Phoenicians

List three benefits of currency over bartering goods and services:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why was trade so important to the Phoenicians?

## Civilizations Comparison Chart

Complete the chart below with your notes about each category for Near Eastern Civilizations. You do not need to write in complete sentences. Include enough detail to make sure you understand your answers in each category.

	Mesopotamia	Ancient Egypt	Ancient Indus Valley	Near Eastern Civilizations
<b>Geography</b> <i>Hint: Where was it located?</i>	Between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.	On the Nile River.	On the Indus River. Surrounded by mountain ranges.	
<b>Society</b> <i>Hint: Were there social classes?</i>	Social status tied to work and property	Social hierarchy ranging from the Pharaoh to slaves.	Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro-farmers &	

	ownership. Rulers and religious leaders on top.		artisans. Aryans- caste system.	
<b>Religion</b> <i>Hint: What did they worship? Was government tied to religion?</i>	Polytheism. Ziggurats, patron gods.	Polytheism. Pharaoh related to gods.	Polytheism. Aryans- start of Hinduism.	
<b>Government</b> <i>Hint: Were there leaders? How were cities organized?</i>	Walled cities, City-states became empires over time.	Theocracy ruled by Pharaohs with a bureaucracy.	Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro- strong and well-organized cities. Aryans- led by Rajahs.	
<b>Economy</b> <i>Hint: What did the people have? How did they get goods they needed?</i>	Trade, including over river, land, and sea.	Combination of command & traditional. Pharaoh collected goods as taxes.	Traded with Mesopotamia and Egypt.	
<b>Contributions</b> <i>Hint: What did they create and build? What technology did they use? Did they have a written language?</i>	Sail, wheel, iron plow, cuneiform on clay tablets.	Pyramids, canals, dams, surveying. Hieroglyphics then Hieratic on papyrus.	Vedas, Walled cities, Kilns oven/bricks), Citadels, Sewers, Granaries.	