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Global History and Geography I

Unit: First Civilizations

Sumerian Civilization

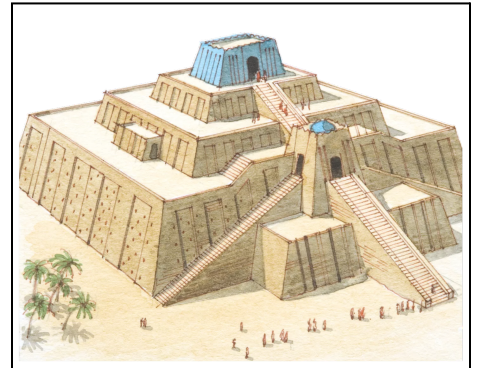
Aim:

- How did geography encourage the rise of civilization?
- How was Sumerian government and society organized?
- What were Sumerian religious beliefs?
- What were the main achievements of the Sumerian civilization?

Directions:

Access the Sumerian self-directed lesson in your Google Classroom.

View the Thinglink images and the information contained within them. Use the information to answer the questions below. Some responses will come directly from the content material. Other responses will require you to think critically.



QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Where was Sumer located?	
2. What is the Fertile Crescent?	
3. How were Sumerians able to farm?	
4. What natural resources were lacking in Mesopotamia?	
5. Why was the Mesopotamian region a target for conquest?	
6. What is a ziggurat?	

7. How was religion and government linked?	
8. Describe the Sumerian view of their afterlife and explain why some historians think the Sumerians held such a view.	
9. What occupation did most of the Sumerian people have?	
10. What is a city-state?	
11. What were the duties of Sumerian kings?	
12. Even though it is a work of fiction, how is the "Epic of Gilgamesh" valuable to historians?	
13. On what number was the Sumerian number system based?	
14. Upon what was the Sumerian calendar based?	
15. For whom were schools established?	
16. Who created the cuneiform writing system? Why?	