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Ms. Sells - 7th Grade Ancient History

Mesopotamia Unit 1 Study Guide: Intro to the Ancient World

Be able to locate the following cities/regions/rivers/places on the map:

Caspian Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Tigris & Euphrates Rivers
Anatolia (Asia Minor), Levant (Canaan) Mesopotamia
Ur, Babylon, Hattusa, Uruk, Eridu, Egypt, Nile River, Persian Gulf

Chapter 1:

- Tell
- Find/findspot
- What do archaeologists do? Who are they?
- What common items does an archaeologist study and find?
- What tools does an archaeologist use?

Chapter 2:

- Eridu
- Where were the 1st settlements located in Mesopotamia? Why? Where did they move after? Why?
- Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- “land between the rivers”
- How canals and levees work (Irrigation) and what they were used for

Chapter 3:

- Uruk
- Trade- how did we know Mesopotamians were doing it?
- Potter’s wheel
- Domesticating animals
- Plow
- Wheel
- Cart
- Wagon
- Bronze

Chapter 4:

- Clay tokens/balls
- Pictograms
- Cuneiform
- Scribes

Chapter 5:

- Polytheism
- Mesopotamian myths
- Akkadian names for gods and their purposes (know the chart from your textbook in Chapter 5!)
- Creation of humans (Myth of Ea and Ninmah)

Chapter 6:

- Queen Puabi's tomb
- Ancient tombs often empty?
- Role of women in Ancient Mesopotamia
- Sumerian King's List
- How Sumerian cities were protected

Potential Essay Prompts:

- Describe the growth and evolution of the earliest Mesopotamian towns and cities (include the inventions and advancements that occurred).
- Who was Queen Puabi? Why do we know about her, and what was in her tomb? How does her tomb contribute to our understanding of ancient Mesopotamia?
- How does archaeology inform our understanding of ancient Mesopotamia, and ancient history more broadly? Be sure to include specific examples that we have learned about.