Mesopotamia – Guided Notes

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|  | Geography of MesopotamiaPart of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – big piece of fertile land in the Middle East * + - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to many early civilizations

Mostly a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(climate with low precipitation) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Deserts  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and dry * + few \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ made travel by land difficult

Located between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Rivers* + - Means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Greek
		- Flow down from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in modern day Turkey

Rivers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every year and deposit minerals and nutrients called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (small particles of fertile soil). makes the land very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(good for growing) * + - Rivers meet at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Government First inhabitants were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , build civilization around 5000BC* + - Lived in an area in southern Mesopotamia called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ Used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to bring water from rivers further inland
		- Allows for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

People organized into ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (independent city countries)Many city-states were a monarchy or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (government run by religious leaders)* + - * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have power, but kings also rule.
	+ Eventually some city-states grow to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (groups of different people under one ruler)
	+ Important laws called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
		- Harsh laws with tough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (an eye for an eye)

Religion of MesopotamiaMost people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– worshipped many gods and goddessesGods for Earth, Sky, Sun, Moon, Fresh Water, Salt Water, Wind* + - * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sky) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (water)

Built \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(temples) for gods to live in.looked like step \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Language of MesopotamiaInvented writing called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (system of wedge shaped marks)Used by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (skilled writers and record keepers) to keep track of trade and moneyA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (reed or stick) was used to make a mark in a wet clay tablet* + - Wrote many stories and poems about heroes called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the first story recorded in words!Social Structure of MesopotamiaThree classes of people*Upper class* – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*Middle class* (biggest!) – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (skilled workers), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,farmers and fishermenLowest class * + - * slaves, criminals, prisoners of war and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (people who owe money)

Economy of MesopotamiaBased on farming and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– mutual exchange of goods between people or nations* + - Used a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (trade where goods are exchanged for other goods instead of “money”)
			* Traded food and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clothing items) for metal and wood.
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