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 andnutrients called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (small particles of fertile soil).makes the land very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(good for growing)  * + - Rivers meet at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  GovernmentFirst 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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