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| Why were river valleys important to early civilizations?  Grow crops, supply water, travel | Which early civilizations were polytheistic & where were they located?  All Polytheistic,  Africa, Asia, Middle East | What is the earliest writing we have found?  Cunieform | What was the Code of Hammurabi?  Law Codes in Mesopotamia to give order | What was the caste system?  Social structure in India | Which product was heavily traded out of China?  Silk |
| What was the Mandate of Heaven?  Approval of the Gods to Chinese ruler | What is a dynasty?  A family of rulers who pass down power to rule to family | How did Buddhism move to China from India?  Cultural diffusion | What is filial piety?  Respect & Honor to elders in the family | What is Daoism?  Religion focused on “The Way” or | How does Hinduism influence the Caste System?  It’s religious text determined the social structure & reincarnations determines your caste |
| What is reincarnation?  Reborn in a different form | According to Buddhism, what causes suffering?  Attachment to wordly things (desire) | What idea does Confucianism focus on?  Your duty (to family & relationships with people) | What is karma?  Rewards you for good or bad behavior (especially through reincarnation) | What was the civil service exam?  Test anyone can take to be a government official | What was Zhou feudalism?  Rich nobles own land and peasnts work on it in exchange for profit/goods |
| What is irrigation?  Moving water from (lake, river) to crop fields | What is a civilization?  A complex culture in which large numbers of human beings share a number of common elements | What was the Fertile Crescent? An arch a land between the Tigris & Euphrates rivers | What is domestication of animals?  Adapting animals for human use | What is a pictograph?  Written languages using symbols (hieroglyphics) | What was a pharaoh?  A ruler of an Egyptian dynasty |

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Directions: Write down a civilization of your choice and give an example of its characteristic. An example has been done for you

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| Characteristic: Large Cities/Surplus Food | Characteristic: Specialized Jobs | Characteristic: Complex Institutions | Characteristic: Social Structure | Characteristic: Writing | Characteristic: Technology/Art |
| Civilization:  *Mesopotamia*  Example:  *Tigris & Euphrates River supplied enough water for survival* | Civilization: Mesopotamia  Example: scribe | Civilization:  Egypt  Example:  Pharaoh ruled as a religious & political leader | Civilization:  India  Example: Caste System | Civilization:  China  Example: oracle bones | Civilization:  India  Example: Plumbing systems |