**Mesopotamia** (3500 BC) Name:

Period:

1. “**THE FERTILE CRESECENT**”:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. It had rich soil and abundant crops
2. As rivers flooded, it would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Floods were UNPREDICTABLE!
2. Hundreds of miles of irrigation ditches were created to move water onto the land when flooding did not occur
3. Irrigation: methods of moving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Irrigation (water) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = LARGE Cities! (Reminder from yesterday?)
2. Main Regions: **Sumer, Akkad & Assyria**
3. **Sumer** 
   1. 1st Civilization
   2. Main Cities : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. **Akkad**
   1. Overcame Sumer and created an empire (2340 BC)
   2. Spoke Semitic Language
   3. **Empire** : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Major City: Babylon
   1. King Hammurabi conquered both area of Sumer and Akkad and created a new kingdom (2100BC)
2. Government:
3. **Theocracy**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Ruled by a King (King had power from gods)
5. Priests & Priestesses had much of the power
6. King Hammurabi created the **“Code of Hammurabi**”: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Religion
8. **Polytheistic:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. Believed gods and goddesses determined all aspects of life (good and bad)
10. Looked to religion to answer questions about life
11. Each village had a particular god or goddess to worship
12. Temples were built on top of ziggurats (massive stepped towers) dedicated to their god
13. Social Structure
14. Upper Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. Middle Class (90%): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. Lower Class:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. Writing
18. **Cuneiform** (3000BC): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. On clay tablets then dried
2. Mostly for record keeping
3. Scribes became leaders in cities
4. **Epic of Gilgamesh**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Art & Technology
   1. **City-state**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Homes made of sun-dried brick
   3. Invented the arc & dome with mud-brick
   4. Woolen textiles & pottery wheel
   5. The wagon wheel
   6. Glass
   7. Started The Bronze Age- strong metal (weapons, armor & trade)
   8. Astronomy: charted constellations
   9. Math
      1. 2 12-hrs in day
      2. 60 minute in hour
      3. 60 seconds in minute
      4. Circle is 360 degrees