

Fertile Crescent Objectives and Terms Study Guide

The Essential Question

OBJECTIVE: What contributions to civilization were adopted and utilized by successive civilizations in Mesopotamia?

OBJECTIVE: How did geography contribute to the transformations of the successive civilizations in Mesopotamia?

The Main Civilizations

1. Sumerians
2. Akkadians
3. Babylonians
4. Hittites
5. Assyrians
6. Chaldeans or Neo Babylonians
7. Persians
8. Phoenicians
9. Israelites / Hebrews

Vocabulary Terms

Cradle of Civilization	Tigris River	Euphrates River
Stylus	Scribe	Epic of Gilgamesh
Cunniiform	Polytheistic	Monotheistic
Sargon	Hammurabi	Babylon
King Solomon	King Nebuchadnezzar	Jerusalem
Satrap	King Cyrus	King Darius
Ziggarut	Zoroaster	Royal Road
Immortals	Mesopotamia	City-State

The Big Picture



The Mesopotamia General Map



The Detailed Map



Ancient Civilizations of the Fertile Crescent Study Guide

1. What was the capital of the Hebrews?
2. What was the Phoenician product desired by monarchs?
3. What was the chief building material used the Fertile Crescent?
4. Why did the Babylonians study astrology?
5. What was the stylus?
6. What were ziggurats and who built them?
7. Who built the Hanging Gardens and why?
8. What group of people were the harsh, cruel conquerors of the Fertile Crescent?
9. Who was the leader responsible for a code of laws?
10. What was the first great civilization of the Middle East?
11. Why were the Hebrews a unique people of the Middle East?
12. What is the epic of Gilgamesh?
13. Mesopotamia is located in what present-day country?
14. Who was the ruler who united the Persian empire?
15. Who spread Middle Eastern civilization throughout the Mediterranean?
16. What kind of government did the Sumerians have?
17. What was the Sumerian form of writing called?
18. What group of people built the largest empire yet seen in the ancient world?
19. What were the contributions of the
 - a. Sumerians
 - b. Babylonians
 - c. Hittites
 - d. Assyrians
 - e. Persians
 - f. Phoenicians
 - g. Hebrews
20. What city was the center of Sumerian civilization?
21. What is the arc of land that lies between the Tigris & Euphrates rivers?
22. Which ruler established a library for the Assyrians?
23. Who founded a mystical religion in ancient Persia