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**Thought Question:**

**Why were the River Valley's first site (s) of Civilizations?**

**1> Rivers-Transportation**

**2> Rivers=forming \*Irrigation\***

**3> Key to their economy: Government**

**Communication**

<b>M-Mesopotamia</b>	<b>I-India</b>	<b>C-China</b>	<b>E-Egypt</b>
<b>River (s):</b>  <b>Tigris and Euphrates Rivers</b>  “The Fertile Crescent” “The land between 2 Rivers”  <b>Other Geographic Features:</b>  <b>Plateau-Raised land between two river beds.</b>	<b>River (s):</b>  <b>Indus River</b>     <b>Other Geographic Features:</b>  <b>Himalayas</b>	<b>River (s):</b>  <b>Huang- He River</b>     <b>Other Geographic Features:</b>  <b>Gobi Desert</b>	<b>River (s):</b>  <b>Nile River</b>     <b>Other Geographic Features:</b>  <b>Red Sea</b>  <b>Lake Victoria</b>

		<b>MESOPOTAMIA</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>EGYPT</b>
<b>R</b>	Record Keeping	<p>Mesopotamia means the “land between two rivers.” In Greek.</p> <p>Cuneiform** First ever wedge shaped writing system.</p> <p>Pictograms</p>	<p>The Indus Civilization had a writing system but we cannot decode it.</p> <p>-It remains a mystery today</p> <p>-Form of writing-Undeciphered</p>	<p>Chinese Characters</p> <p>Oracle Bones: Earliest example of Chinese Writing</p>	<p>Hieroglyphics</p> <p>Rosetta Stone helped us decipher the meaning behind the symbols.</p>
<b>A</b>	Advanced Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invention of the Wheel</li> <li>• Four-wheeled vehicles-oldest in history ever found</li> <li>• Wheel</li> <li>• Water management systems Irrigation (canals, etc)</li> <li>• Textiles (clothing)</li> <li>• Metal Tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pottery, amulets</li> <li>• Buildings made from mud-bricks that were fired in a kiln to make harder.</li> <li>• Plumbing</li> <li>• Cast iron</li> <li>• Planned cities-urban planning</li> <li>• Zinc</li> <li>• irrigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• irrigation</li> <li>• iron tools</li> <li>• bronze tools</li> <li>• matches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• irrigation</li> <li>• calendar-used for farming</li> <li>• architecture</li> <li>• mathematical concepts in proportion and ratio</li> <li>• sled</li> </ul>
<b>S</b>	Specialization (of jobs)	<p>Cuneiform- different social classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architecture (ziggurats)</li> <li>• Carpenters</li> <li>• Glass makers</li> <li>• Leather</li> <li>• Metal Workers</li> <li>• Scribes</li> <li>• Priests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scribes</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Doctors</li> <li>• Priests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priests</li> <li>• Emperor</li> <li>• Noble families</li> <li>• Government workers</li> <li>• Farmers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharaoh</li> <li>• Nobility</li> <li>• Scribes</li> <li>• Soldiers</li> <li>• Government Employees</li> <li>• Farmers</li> <li>• Slaves</li> </ul>
<b>C</b>	Complex Institutions	<p><b>Religion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worshipped Gods-Roots of Judaism</li> <li>• Their religions were the gods</li> </ul> <p>Each city had a god to watch over them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polytheistic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religion:</b></p> <p>-Roots in Hinduism</p> <p>-Polytheistic</p> <p>-Strong Centralized Government.</p>	<p><b>Religion:</b></p> <p>-Based on Ancestral worship</p> <p>-Profound respect for elders</p> <p>-Daoism/Taoism</p>	<p><b>Religion:</b></p> <p>Polytheistic</p> <p>-over 2000 gods worshiped</p> <p>-Living focused on afterlife</p> <p>-Pyramids built for Pharaohs.</p>

		<b>Government:</b> -There was a king and nobles who made the laws and declared war and decided about the gods. -Monarchy for each city-state (Each city had their own government, military, laws...)	<b>Government:</b> -Based on Caste System -Monarchy ↓ Brahmins (priests) ↓ Kshatriyas (Kings/Rulers, Warriors) ↓ Raisyas (Merchants, Craftsman) ↓ Sudra (Farmers) ↓ Dalits (Street sweepers)	<b>Government:</b> -Dyansties-Families that rule for long periods of time.  Dynastic Cycle.  -Emperor establishes rules	<b>Government:</b>  Pyramid Hierarchy  -Pharoah at the top -Government officials/priests -Soldiers -Farmers -slaves
<b>A</b>	Advanced Cities	Babylon Ur Uruk Hippur Ziggurats were the center of the cities.  All close to rivers	Located in what is now Pakistan and the northwest.  Harappa Mohenjo-Daro	-Shanghai -Forbidden City	Pyramids of Giza Cairo -Near the Nile River -All pyramids built on the western side.