

Uncovering Mesopotamia and Early Civilization

(Answer each of the following. Provide source information in your response. Write your answers in your Social Studies notebook/composition book. Be sure to include your source information with each of your answers. *Google is not a source!*)

1. The name of the area for the first civilization means what?
2. What is another name given to this area?
3. This area offered what important physical features?
4. Where is the area located? Give at least two answers using **relative** location.
5. What country(ies) are found in this area today?
6. In addition to a source of water, what other valuable contribution is offered by the natural features of this place?
7. The first cities began to develop in what area of Mesopotamia? Give names for **at least three** of the cities.
8. What type of religion was present? Was it monotheistic or polytheistic? **Explain**. Also, give the name of at least three of the gods worshiped.
9. Describe any specific religious structures associated with this early civilization.
10. What was the government like? What kind of leaders/rulers were over this civilization? Was the government a monarchy, an oligarchy, tyrannical, a dictatorship, a democracy, a republic, or something else?
11. What technology and achievements are associated with this early civilization?
12. What is the *Epic of Gilgamesh* ? What might be indicated by its presence in this ancient culture?
13. What contributed to their record keeping? What achievement did they make in this area?
14. Were there any specialized workers/jobs? Explain/identify any that are part of this civilization.
15. What item was built during this time and became one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?
16. What system of law was developed during this time period? Why is it important?
17. Describe the **social** (power) **structure** present throughout most of this civilization.

Here are some helpful sites; you may use others. <http://quatr.us/> <http://www.ancient.eu/Mesopotamia/>
<http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp?groupid=488&HistoryID=aa53>rack=pthc>
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/ancientcivgeneral.htm>