

Mesopotamia WebQuest

Name: _____ Period: _____

Go to <http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk> and click on "Mesopotamia" to begin.

1. Select "Geography."

- a. Explain the meaning of "Mesopotamia."

- b. What two rivers flow through Mesopotamia? _____ and _____.

- c. Mesopotamia was located in what modern-day countries? _____ and _____.

- d. Compare the geography of Northern and Southern Mesopotamia.

Northern Mesopotamia	Southern Mesopotamia

2. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Gods, Goddesses, Demons, and Monsters."

- a. Mesopotamia's religious beliefs were monotheistic/polytheistic (circle one).

- b. What role did gods/goddesses have in Mesopotamian cities?

3. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Time."

- a. How did Mesopotamia change over time?

- b. Click on "Story." Why were people interested in learning= about the history of Mesopotamia?

- c. List 3 things that you learned about the discoveries made in the history of Mesopotamia.

4. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Writing."
 - a. What was the earliest writing based on? What was it used to communicate?

 - b. What was the name of the script used in Mesopotamia? Who were the only people who knew how to read and write? What types of information did they record?

5. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Ziggurats." (under "Sumer") What was a ziggurat? What was its purpose?

6. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Astronomers of Babylon." (under "Babylonia") Describe the responsibilities of the astronomers in Babylon.

7. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Trade and Transport." (under "Babylonia")
 - a. Why did the people of Mesopotamia need to trade with neighboring countries?

 - b. Provide examples of the types of goods that were traded.

 - c. What methods were used to transport the goods?

8. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Palaces of Assyria." (under "Assyria")
 - a. When did the Assyrian empire control Mesopotamia?

 - b. Describe the role of the palace in Assyrian society?

9. Click on "Mesopotamia" to go back and select "Warfare." (under "Assyria")
 - a. What was the benefit of conquering foreign cities?

 - b. Each year, the conquered regions had to pay a tribute to the king of Assyria. What is a tribute? What were the consequences for not paying their tribute?