**Unit 1: Mesopotamia**

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| **Word** | **Definition** | **Image** |
| **Civilization** |  |  |
| **Cuneiform** |  |  |
| **Bronze Age** |  |  |
| **Ziggurat** |  |  |

**Villages to Cities:**

* As villages grew more land was needed to cultivate crops. Larger villages developed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ systems
  + This allowed some people to pursue other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the first time and develop other skills.
  + These people developed into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that created new elaborate products such as pottery, metal objects , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clothe.
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sail allowed traders to move goods over greater distances.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ structure of villages changed too. Now there were those with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the villages.
* Religion changed too to include more complex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Five Characteristics of Civilizations: (CAARS)**

* It is believed that the first true civilization was in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Located in northern Iraq.

**Complex Institutions: Advanced Cities:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with officials and laws Centers for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Priests with both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and political power Tended to have larger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Education system for training \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Advanced Technology: Record Keeping:**

Improved methods of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as Advancements in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as the

the use of beast of burden (ox-drawn plows). development of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The inventions of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sail boat. Used for to record banking transactions, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wide spread use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for tools events, customs and traditions.

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Specialized Workers:**

People began to specialize in different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Many became artisans: skilled workers that make goods by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**River Valley Civilizations: Mesopotamia**

* The earliest civilizations developed along \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The region known as Mesopotamia (Middle East today) developed along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rivers.
* The area is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The region was prone to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and little rain fall. The area also had very few natural resources.

**Sumer:**

* The first great civilization in the region was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Sumerians developed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Each had its own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + The greatest of all these city-states was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Life in Ur revolved around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A temple that act as both religious and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ center.
  + The Sumerians were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or believed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gods. Social classes also emerged in Sumer.
* The Sumerians made many advancements in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and technology such as:
  + Advanced arithmetic and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Architectural innovations such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Cuneiform

**Empires:**

* After the decline of Sumer several new civilizations emerged and built the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The first group was led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Akkad. He established the Akkadian Empire in 2350 B.C.
  + The empire spread the culture created by Sumer beyond the Fertile Crescent.
* In 2000 B.C. a warrior group known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ invaded Mesopotamia and gradually established a new empire.
  + The capital of this new empire was the city-state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The new empire became known as the Babylonian Empire.
  + The Babylonian Empire reached its peak during the reign of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1792 B.C.- 1750 B.C.)
* He developed a uniform code a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ known as the Hammurabi’s Code.
  + The code was engraved in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and placed throughout the empire.
  + The code had 282 specific laws dealing with issues ranging from family relations, business, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + The punishments were harsh: “an eye for an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” policy.
* After the fall of the Babylonian Empire many groups including the Assyrians, Phoenicians, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ built upon and adopt the ideas of the Sumerians and civilizations before them.

