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1. What two rivers was ancient Mesopotamia located between? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rivers.
2. What were the people who lived in southern Mesopotamia called? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Name four improvements invented by the people of Mesopotamia:

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1. Who was the legendary king of Uruk who sought to understand the death of his companion Enkidu**:**

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1. Name the improvement created by Hammurabi that helped him govern more fairly by collecting local laws and turning them into one set of laws:

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1. The first Sumerians lived in what type of geo-political area? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who ruled these geo-political areas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. At the center of each city, there was a building called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. In that building the Mesopotamians worshipped multiple gods which is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sargon united many of the city-states in Mesopotamia and united them into one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Assyrians used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to conquer people who were still fighting on foot.
7. Be able to explain each of the following.

How did a surplus of food lead to a division of labor in Mesopotamia?

What caused the people of Mesopotamia to develop a system of irrigation?

How might our understanding of the Sumerians (and other Mesopotmaian peoples) be different if they had never developed writing?

Most people living today would consider some of Hammurabi’s punishments to be cruel. Why do you think that the Code of Hammurabi was so well accepted by the people of his time?

Describe a role in Ancient Mesopotamia and why it was vital to the civilization:

1. What was an important contribution the Ancient Israelites made?

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1. Be able to define the following terms:

a. irrigation

b. polytheistic

c. city-state

d. metallurgy

e. alloy

f. cuneiform

g. ziggurat

h. chariot

i. empire

j. agricultural surplus