**Unit 1: Mesopotamia Notes**

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| **Beginning of Civilization** **Villages to Cities****Çatal Hüyük: 7000 BCE southern Turkey****Mesopotamia** **Sumerians** **Development of Writing****Later Mesopotamian Civilizations** **Hammurabi’s Code**  | 1. **What type of agricultural method was used by people in early settlements?**
2. **What is a beast of burden?**
3. **List the advantages people that lived in settlements had over nomads**
4. **What sort of skilled labor jobs existed in early cities?**
5. **What two new technologies allowed traders to move goods farther and more easily?**
6. **What sort of social changes occurred when people moved in to settlements like cities?**
7. **How large was the settlement?**
8. **What type of material was used to create homes?**
9. **How did they control other communities?**
10. **What does Mesopotamia mean?**
11. **What two rivers formed the boarders of Mesopotamia?**
12. **What was the region prone to?**
13. **How did Sumerians bring water to their fields?**
14. **What was the writing form developed by the Sumerians? What group of people were able to read and write it?**
15. **What type of religion did they practice?**
16. **What was a ziggurat?**
17. **How did they view the flooding of the rivers?**
18. **How were the Sumerians structured politically?**
19. **What shape is cuneiform?**
20. **What material did the scribes write on?**
21. **What did cuneiform allow the Sumerians to do?**
22. **What group defeated the Sumerians? Who established this group?**
23. **What culture did this group spread?**
24. **What empire was centered in Babylon?**
25. **During who’s reign did the empire peak?**
26. **Who were the Semitic peoples? Wat was unique about this group?**
27. **What was Hammurabi’s Code?**
28. **What kind of laws did the code deal with?**
29. **How can you characterize the punishments?**
30. **How did people know of the code?**
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