**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?** |