

Early Civilizations: Mesopotamia & Egypt

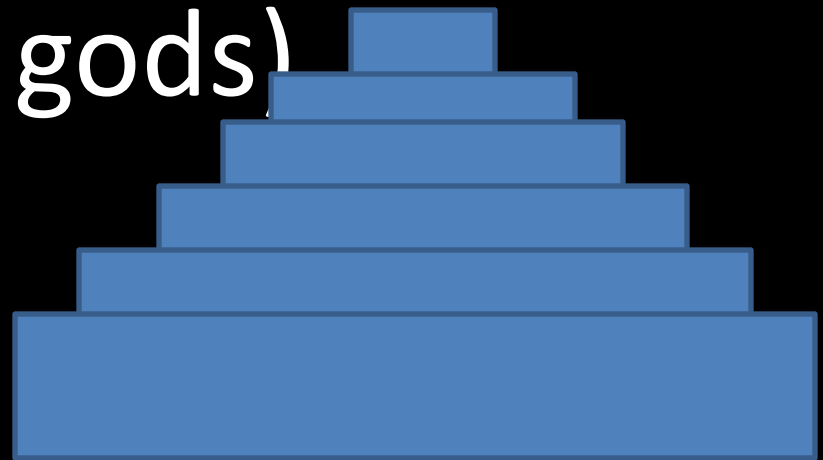
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Civilization's 5 Characteristics

1. Advanced Cities
2. Specialized Workers
3. Complex Institutions
4. Record Keeping (scribe & Cuneiform)
5. Improved Technology

Mesopotamia

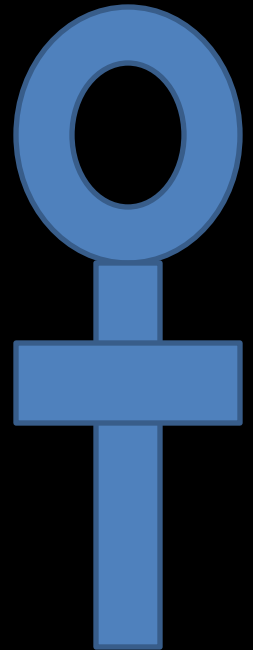
- Location: Modern day Iraq & Iran
- Means: Land between 2 rivers
(Tigris & Euphrates)
- Religion: Center of society,
Polytheistic (many gods)
Ziggurat (temple)



- Culture: Art, Religion, Trade (women have rights)
- Economy: Bartering
- Politics: Priests 1st leaders, after many wars the best fighters became permanent leaders (dynasties)
- Law: Hammurabi's Code – 282 written laws, created to unify the community (govt responsible for society)

Egypt: Religion

- Polytheistic: believed in 2,000 + gods
- Ra (sun god) & Osiris (god of the dead):
IMPORTANT
- Afterlife: prepared for it (saved money, food, clothes, etc.)
- Pyramids: Tombs built for Pharaoh
- Pharaoh believed they were a god



Egypt: Politics

- Pharaoh: ruler of Egypt, a king
- Theocracy: govt based on religious belief (Pharaoh is a god & ran the country)

