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Ch. 4 – Mesopotamia - Study Guide

Sec. 1

silt – _____

irrigation – _____

surplus – _____

city-state – _____

polytheism – _____

ziggurat - _____

cuneiform– _____

scribe - _____

epic - _____

1. What does the word Mesopotamia mean? _____

2. What is Mesopotamia also known as? _____

3. What are the two rivers in Mesopotamia? _____

4. Why did people decide to settle in Mesopotamia? _____

5. What was the first civilization? _____

6. How were polytheism and ziggurats related in Sumerian civilization? _____

7. How were the social classes of Sumer organized? _____

8. What was the most common role for women in Sumerian society? _____

9. Why were scribes important in Sumerian society? _____

10. What was name of the world's oldest known story? _____

11. What were some of the Sumerian achievements? _____

Sec. 2

empire - _____

tribute - _____

province - _____

caravan - _____

astronomer - _____

12. How could caravans passing through Babylon be helped by astronomers?

13. Why was Hammurabi's Code important? _____

14. How did Hammurabi's Code differ from earlier Sumerian laws? _____

15. How did Assyrian's rule their empire? _____

16. What wonder of the ancient world was located in Babylon? _____

17. Why did the Chaldeans overthrow the Assyrians? _____

