

CHAPTER 4 MESOPOTAMIA

Activity 1 Focus on Ideas

Fill in each blank to form a summary of Chapter 4 by choosing the proper term from the words listed below.

barley	Euphrates	monarchy	rice
businesses	god	Nile	Sargon I
canals	Hammurabi	palace	small villages
city-states	judges	pipes	Sumerians
Egyptians	kings	priests	temple
empire	law code	property	write

Civilization began in Mesopotamia, an area of the Middle East located between the Tigris and _____ rivers. There, people known as _____ learned to control the floodwaters of the rivers. They used _____ to bring the water to their crops. The main crop of the region was _____.







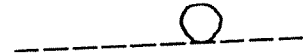

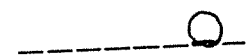

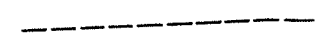
This early civilization consisted of a group of _____. Life in each of these communities centered around the _____. This building was believed to be the home of the city's chief _____. It was also a place of trade and learning. The schools prepared students for work in business and government by teaching them how to _____. Only males went to school. Women, however, did have the right to buy and sell _____ and to run businesses.

Powerful _____ ran the schools and managed the land in the name of the gods. At one time, they were also political leaders. Later, military leaders replaced them as permanent _____.

Around 2300 B.C., _____, a ruler from northern Mesopotamia, conquered all of the region. He created the world's first _____. Later, _____, king of Babylon, controlled Mesopotamia. He united the people by setting up a single _____. Royal _____ worked to carry it out fairly and justly.

Activity 3 Word Puzzler

A. Unscramble the letters in the first column to spell out the term being described in the second column. Then write out the circle letters in the order in which they appear to form the word puzzler at the bottom.

ebrics	a writer	
nuefimorc	Sumerian writing	
agiurtzg	"mountain of god"	
sbyamles	group of advisors	
sreipt-skgni	Sumerian rulers	
sevele	raised areas of earth	
eardetihry	passed down from parent to child	
budbesa	Sumerian schools	
tirgeiar	to water	
msofrer	improvements	
	??? Word Puzzler ???	

B. In the space below, draw a picture of what the word puzzler might look like.