

**UNIT 1: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS**  
**Reading Guide 2: Sumerian Civilization**

**Directions:** Answer each question below after reading.

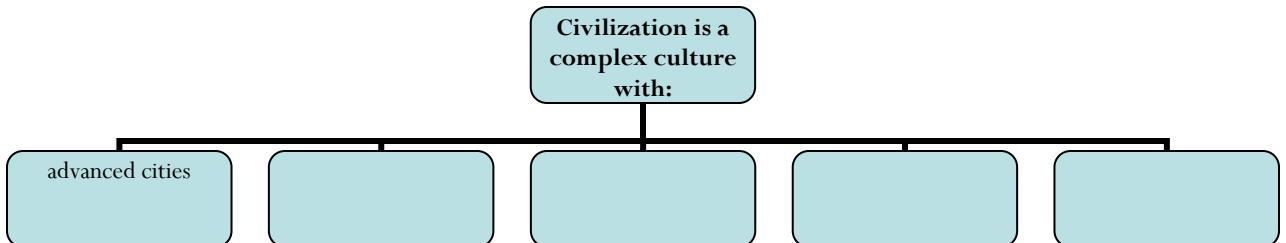
**1.3: Civilization**

• **Objective A: Explain how villages grew into cities.**

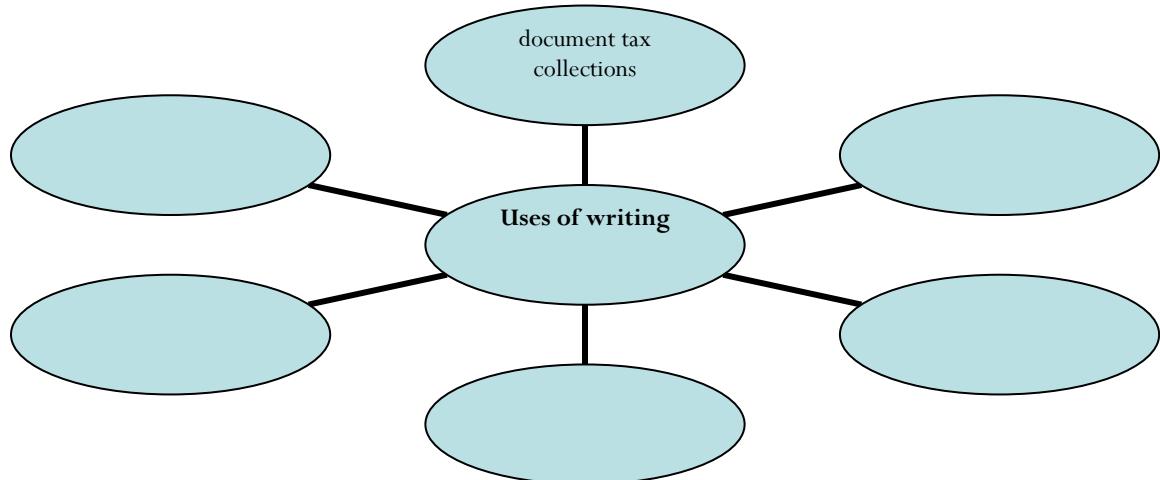
1. Communities based on \_\_\_\_\_ had a plentiful supply of food which could support \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Complete the statement: "Food surpluses also freed some villagers to ..."
3. Name two inventions which allowed traders to move more goods over long distances:  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Social classes emerged with varying degrees of:  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_ c) \_\_\_\_\_

• **Objective B: List the characteristics of civilization.**

5. Sumer was located in \_\_\_\_\_ in the modern-day country of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Complete the chart:



7. Define **artisan**:
8. Define **institution**:
9. Complete the chart:



**2.1: City-States in Mesopotamia**

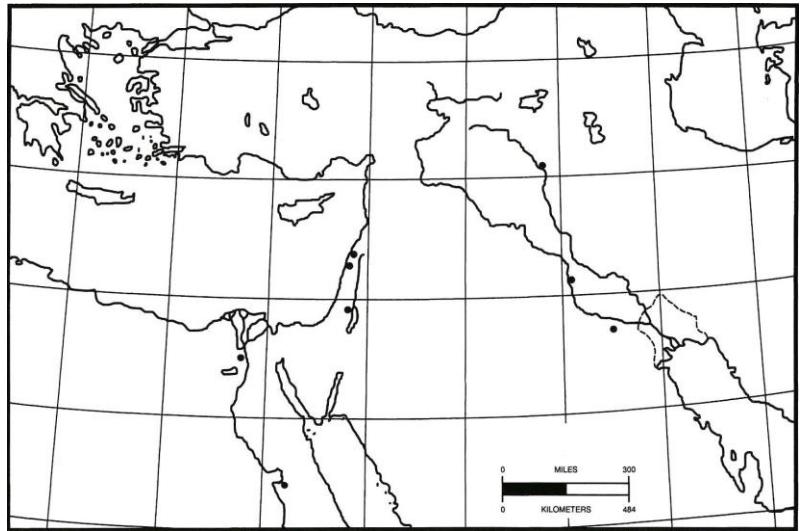
- **Objective A: Summarize how geography affected culture in the Fertile Crescent.**

10. Fertile Crescent = lands facing the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea and a plain known as \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Mesopotamia = land between the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Rivers
12. Flooding left \_\_\_\_\_
13. Complete the cause and effect chart:

<b>Challenge of living in Mesopotamia:</b>	<b>Solution created by Sumerian people:</b>
Unpredictable flooding and periods of drought	
Lack of natural barriers for protection	
Limited natural resources	

14. Label on the map:

- a) Euphrates River
- b) Tigris River
- c) Mediterranean Sea
- d) Persian Gulf
- e) MESOPOTAMIA

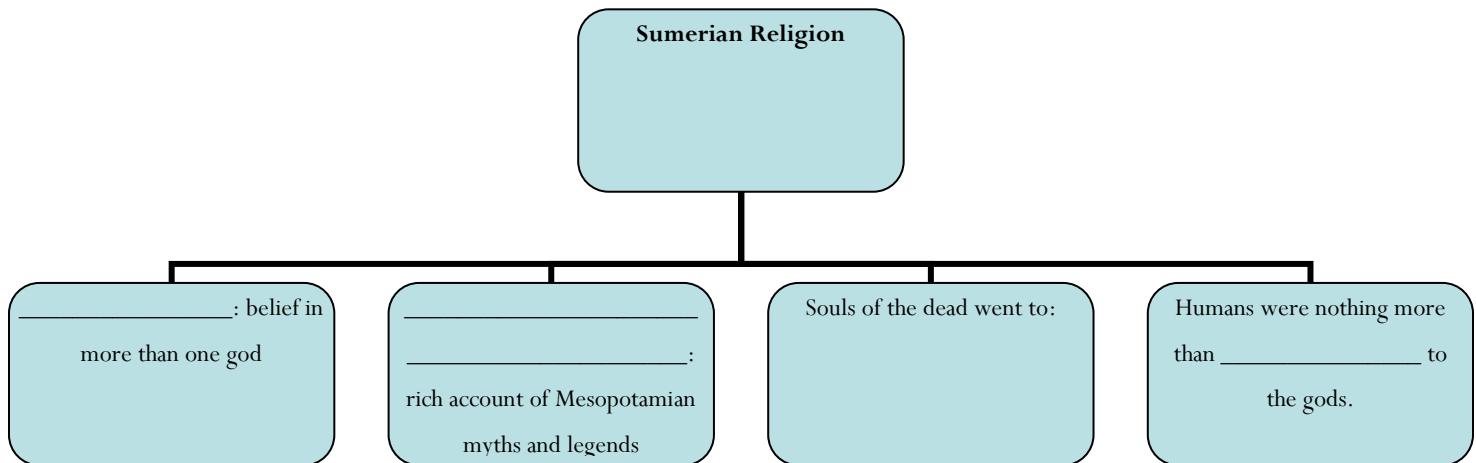


- **Objective B: Describe city-states and how other cultures learned about them.**

15. Define *city-state*:
16. Sumer's earliest governments were controlled by \_\_\_\_\_ but, in time, some \_\_\_\_\_ became full-time rulers.
17. Define *dynasty*:
18. Define *cultural diffusion*:

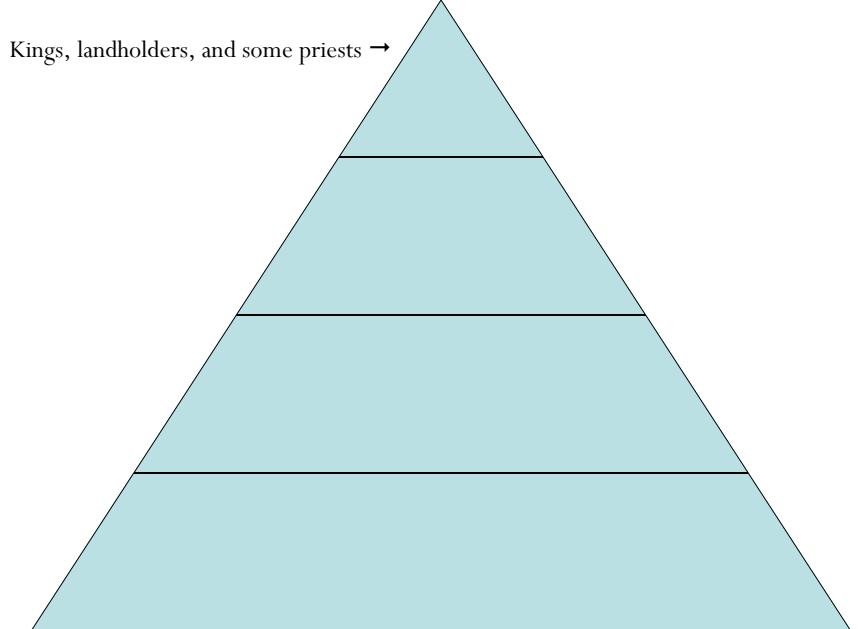
- **Objective C: Describe Sumerian religious beliefs, social structure, and technology.**

19. Complete the chart:

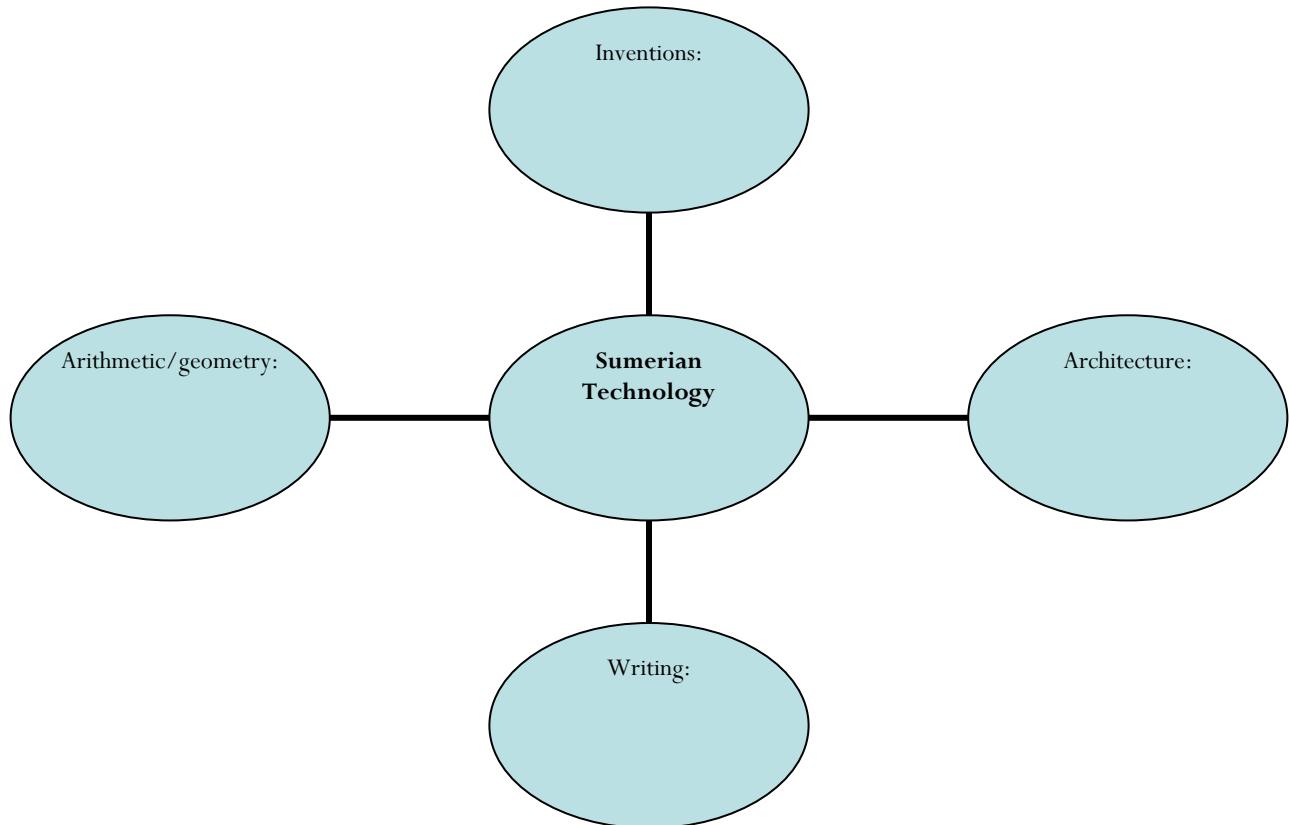


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20. Complete the chart of Sumerian Society:



21. Complete the chart:



- **Objective D: Explain the influence of Sumer on later civilizations.**

22. Define *empire*:

23. Hammurabi's most enduring legacy is \_\_\_\_\_ which frequently applied the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.