

UNIT 1: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS
Reading Guide 2: Sumerian Civilization

Directions: Answer each question below after reading.

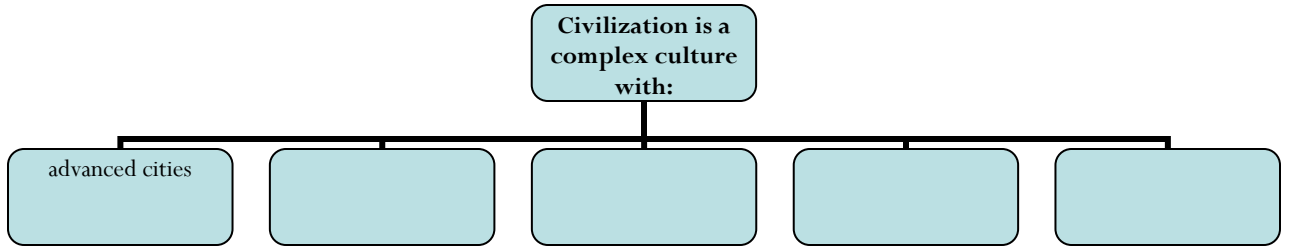
1.3: Civilization

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

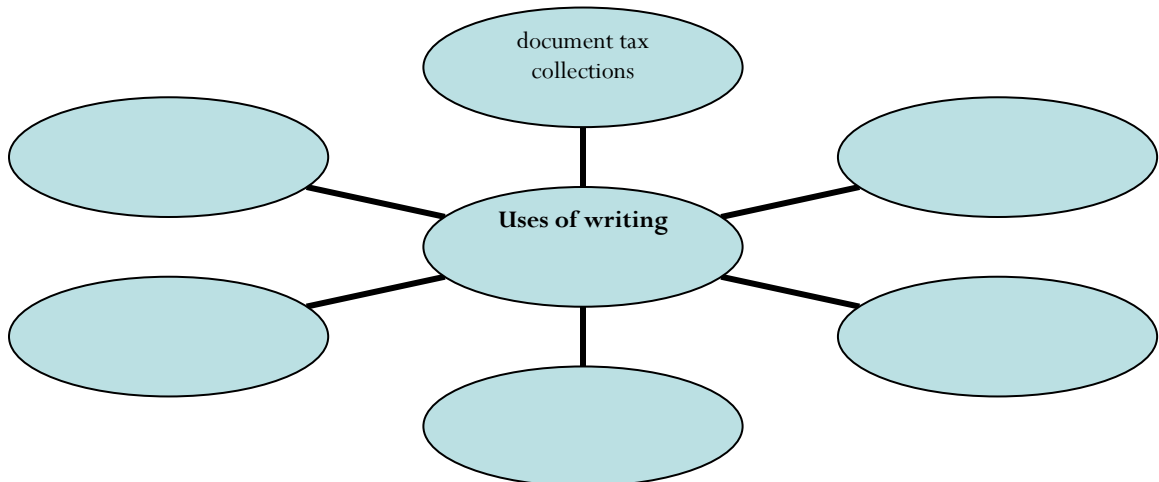
1. Communities based on _____ had a plentiful supply of food which could support _____.
2. Complete the statement: "Food surpluses also freed some villagers to ..."
3. Name two inventions which allowed traders to move more goods over long distances:
a) _____ b) _____
4. Social classes emerged with varying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

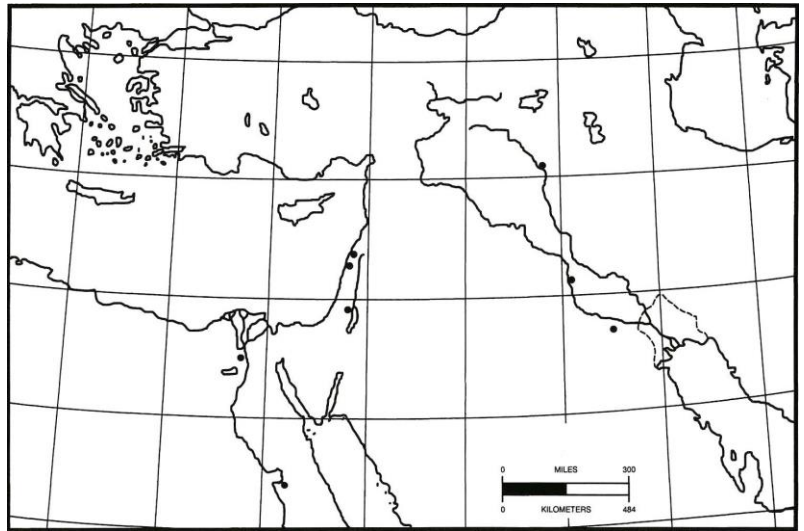
• **Objective A: Summarize how geography affected culture in the Fertile Crescent.**

- 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:

Challenge of living in Mesopotamia:	Solution created by Sumerian people:
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

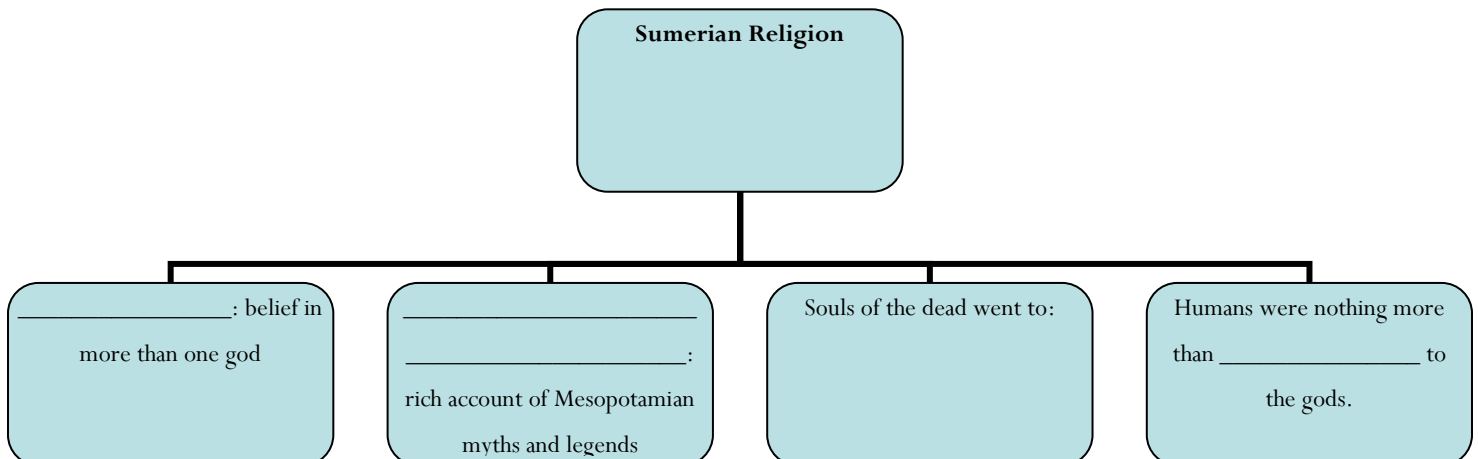


• **Objective B: Describe city-states and how other cultures learned about them.**

- 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.**

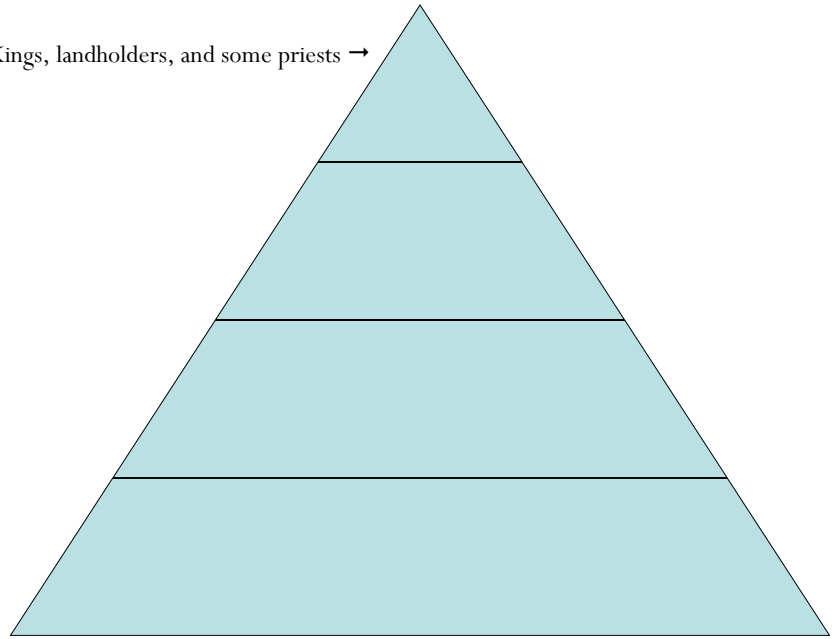
19. Complete the chart:



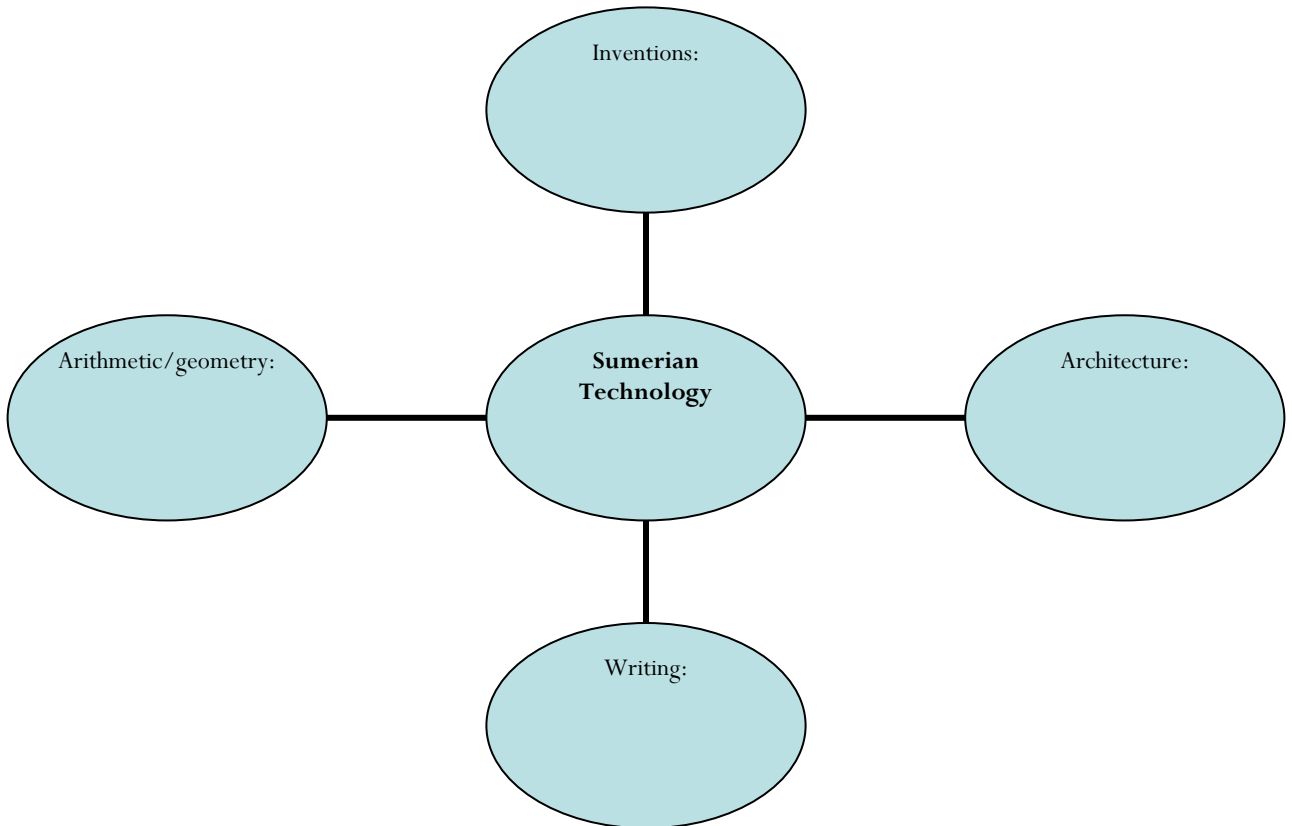
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20. Complete the chart of Sumerian Society:

Kings, landholders, and some priests →



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 _____.