

Ancient Worlds
Chapter 4: Mesopotamia - Cradle of Civilization
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Questions

Directions: Using the textbook, answer the following questions in note form.

1. What is needed before a civilization can develop? [1]

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2. What is the Fertile Crescent?[1]

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3. Why was the Fertile Crescent an ideal place for farming? Give three reasons. [3]

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4. What does “Mesopotamia” mean in Greek? [1]

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5. What were the four civilizations that existed on the Mesopotamian plain and when did each start? [8]

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6. Most of Mesopotamia lay in what modern country? [1]

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7. Mesopotamia lay between which two rivers? [2]

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8. Why did Mesopotamia have fertile soil? [1]

9. Give 2 benefits of the delta. [2]

10. What was the biggest challenge for farmers in Mesopotamia? [1+]

11. Give four ways farmers in Mesopotamia irrigated the land. [4]

12. What was another benefit of the network of canals and rivers? [1]

13. Describe the four steps that caused the end of the powerful cities of Sumer, Babylon, Assyria, and Chaldea. [4]

*14. Think about it. Give three factors about Mesopotamia's location that allowed the civilizations to flourish there. [3]
