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River Valleys are known as “Cradles of Civilization” because:

Rivers cause many challenges for early civilizations and force them to adapt.

Common Features of Complex Civilizations Include:

1) 5)

2) 6)

3) 7)

4) 8)

**Early River Valley Civilizations**

Arable –

Sedentary –

Surplus –

Fertile –

Subsistence Farming –

Patriarchal –

Polytheistic -

Hierarchy -

**WHY DO EARLY CIVILIZATIONS BEGIN IN RIVER VALLEYS?**

1) Egyptian civilization is built around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ just west of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desert in North Africa.

2) The leader of Egypt was known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a leader with political and religious power that was believed to be part man and part god.

3) The Egyptians are famous for building spectacular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which are elaborate tombs built for their rulers for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**EGYPT: “The Gift of the Nile”**

**Hammurabi** is the Priest-King of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire.

An empire is:

Hammurabi is known for creating the world’s 1st written legal code. Hammurabi’s Code is based on the principle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In other words that means “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.” There were 282 written laws in his code:

1)

2)

3)

Hammurabi’s Code

Mesopotamia is a “FERTILE CRESCENT” between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rivers in modern day Iraq.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were the first to form a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Achievements of the Mesopotamians Include:

1. Written Records:

2. Architecture:

3. Inventions:

4. Law Code:

**Mesopotamia “The Land between Two Rivers”**

China is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: bordered by ocean, deserts and mountains.

Isolation leads the Chinese to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which means they believe their culture is superior and call themselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

China has extremely fertile land and two major rivers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Chinese rulers rule by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which means that rulers have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or authority to rule from God. This led to China becoming a civilization of Dynasties and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**China: The Yellow River – “China’s Sorrow”**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is located in modern day Pakistan and India.

The Indus boasted two great cities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

These advanced cities both possessed

1) 3) 5)

2) 4) 6)

The people of the Indus Valley had to deal with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which could bring extended periods of rain or drought.

**INDIA: The Indus Rive Valley Civilization**

4) The Egyptians had a clearly defined \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ social structure.

5) We know a great deal about Egyptian civilization because they used an advanced system of written records known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that historians were able to decode using the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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|  | **MESOPOTAMIA** | **EGYPT** | **INDUS** | **CHINA** |
| **Location** |  |  |  |  |
| **Positive Geographic Features** |  |  |  |  |
| **Negative Geographic Features** |  |  |  |  |
| **Government** |  |  |  |  |
| **Writing System** |  |  |  |  |
| **Major Achievements** |  |  |  |  |