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Period: _____

The Kingdoms of Mesopotamia

Instructions: Read “The Kingdoms of Mesopotamia” article. Use the organizer to help you record the key information about each kingdoms’ culture, achievements, and important leaders.

When did Sumer start? _____

Achievements of the Sumerians

1. What is cuneiform? What does the name itself mean?
2. List 3 purposes of cuneiform in Mesopotamia.
3. What are some other achievements of the Sumerians?

Trade

1. How were the Sumerians able to trade with other civilizations?
2. List with who and what the Sumerians traded.

Religion

1. How is the Sumerian religion described? Why?
2. What was built to honor the gods?

SUMERIANS

AKKADIANS

When did the Akkadian civilization start? _____

Capital City-State

What was the main city-state of the Akkadian Empire?

Sargon & Cultural Achievements

1. What was accomplished with public works projects under King Sargon?
2. What two purposes did roads help with in the Akkadian civilization?

Akkadian Government

1. How did Sargon divide up government responsibility in his kingdom?
2. Why do you think he set up this system?

When did Assyria become a major empire? _____

Library at Nineveh

1. What was found at the library site in Nineveh?

2. Why was this an important find for historians?

Assyrian Art

1. What figures or scenes are shown in Assyrian art?

2. Why do you think the Assyrian chose to put these figures/scenes in their art?

Military

Write three facts about the Assyrian military.

ASSYRIANS

BABYLONIANS

When did Babylon start? _____

Hammurabi's Leadership

1. When did King Hammurabi rule?

2. What were the 2 ways he helped establish Babylon as a stable civilization?

Trade

Why was Babylon considered a major trade hub?

Culture

What areas of Babylonian culture grew and impacted Mesopotamians?
List at least 4.

Hammurabi's Code

1. When was Hammurabi's Code created?

2. What was the purpose/importance of the Code?