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Mesopotamia & the Fertile Crescent - Vocab Cards

city-state]>

an independent state made up of a city and the land around it.

The _city-state_ of Athens once operated like a small country.



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cuneiform]>

one of the earliest written languages, consisting of wedge-shaped marks and lines. It was initially developed in ancient Mesopotamia to track goods like grain and cattle.

Cuneiform began as a way to track goods like cattle and grain before it developed into a full writing system of wedge-shaped marks and line.



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Epic of Gilgamesh]>

A poem from ancient Mesopotamia, one of the earliest surviving major works of literature.

The ancient Mesopotamian poem the _Epic of Gilgamesh_ is one of the oldest stories ever written down.



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Euphrates]>

a river in eastern Turkey and Iraq. It joins the Tigris River.

The waters of the _Euphrates_ move south from Turkey through Iraq and meet with the Tigris. Together, these rivers sustained some of the world's oldest civilizations.



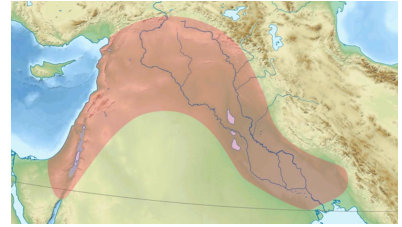
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Fertile Crescent]>

An area in the Middle and Near East centered around the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

Considered by many historians to be the birthplace of civilization, _the Fertile Crescent_ was a large swath of land in the Middle and Near East fed by the waters of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.



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Hammurabi]>

king of ancient Babylonia from 1792 to 1750 BCE. He was famous for his "code" of strict laws.

I am glad I didn't live under _Hammurabi_. The ancient Babylonian king's "code" of laws was very tough and called for extreme punishments.



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Tigris]>

a river in Turkey and Iraq that joins the Euphrates River.

The _Tigris_ was a very important river for ancient civilizations who lived in the valley where it joined the Euphrates. .



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ziggurat]>

a pyramidal tower in ancient Mesopotamia. It had terraces and steps outside and sometimes a temple on the top. These structures were used by the ancient Assyrians, Babylonians and Sumerians.

Many ancient cultures had distinct structures. For example, the Egyptians had pyramids, and the Assyrians had _ziggurats_.



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