

Mesopotamia Review

Silt- Fertile soil left behind by rivers

City-State- A walled city and the surrounding farmland

Monarchy- A government ruled by a king or queen

Ziggurat- The major temple in a Sumerian city-state

Cuneiform- The writing system developed in Mesopotamia

Scribe- A person who writes things for people

Conquer- To defeat or take over

Empire- Different people and lands ruled by one government

1. What does Mesopotamia mean? Why is the area called that?

It means "Land between the Rivers" and it is called that because it is located between the Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers.

2. How did the floods of the Tigris and the Euphrates help the Sumerians?

The floods left behind fertile soil on the ground that was good for farming.

3. How did the floods of the Tigris and the Euphrates hurt the Sumerians?

The floods were occasionally violent and would wipe out the entire city-state.

4. What time period came after the Stone Age?

The Bronze Age

5. Why was Sargon important?

He was the world's first emperor.