

Ancient Sumer and Mesopotamia Contribution Chart

Government	Economics	Culture
<p>Bows and Arrows <i>Invented by Sargon</i></p> <p>City Planning with Streets <i>Streets with right angles</i></p> <p>City-State <i>Rule of city & surrounding farmland, each independent</i></p> <p>Copper Weapons & Helmets <i>Copper swords and helmets</i></p> <p>King <i>Single ruler; monarchy</i></p> <p>Laws <i>System of rights and responsibilities; consequences of violation</i></p> <p>Soldiers & Army <i>Professional fighters</i></p>	<p>Calendar <i>Based on the flooding of the Tigris river; planning for crops</i></p> <p>Craftsmen <i>Copper & bronze workers, carpentry, leather workers, weavers, basket weavers</i></p> <p>Irrigation <i>Diverting water to crops via canals and ditches</i></p> <p>Map Making <i>Round clay disks marking location of places</i></p> <p>Mud Bricks <i>Made from river mud and dried in the sun</i></p> <p>Seals <i>Clay symbols used for identification of property</i></p> <p>Wheel <i>Used for pottery and later for carts as means of transportation</i></p>	<p>Cuneiform & Scribes <i>Wedge-like symbols into clay tablets; scribe are the writers</i></p> <p>Epic Poetry <i>Long poem telling a tale</i></p> <p>Gods and Goddesses <i>Many covering all areas of life; each city had patron god/goddess</i></p> <p>Homes <i>One or two story home made from mud bricks</i></p> <p>Jewelry <i>Gold, silver, gems, precious stones; necklace, earrings, headdresses</i></p> <p>Medicine & Doctors <i>Practice of surgery and simple medicine from plants</i></p> <p>Mes <i>Belief that divine law controls all aspects of life; predestination</i></p> <p>Musical Instruments <i>Harp, Tambourine, Drums</i></p> <p>Number System <i>Based on 60, our use of seconds and minutes come from this</i></p> <p>Palace <i>Large buildings with gardens for the rulers</i></p> <p>Schools & Teachers <i>Places to learn reading and writing, also math, law, biology</i></p> <p>Statues <i>Stone objects showing people</i></p> <p>Sundial <i>Dial noting time using the sun's shadow</i></p> <p>Ziggurat & Priest <i>Pyramid shaped temple with many steps; dedicated to gods; priests perform ceremonies</i></p>

