

Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent

Goals & Objectives

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Explain how the geography of the Fertile Crescent contributed to the growth of civilization.
- Explain where Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent were located, and what their names mean.
- Discuss how Mesopotamian irrigation systems allowed civilization to develop.
- Explain how Sumerian society was organized politically, and how that organization affected society.
- Describe Sumerian religion, and define “polytheism”.
- Understand why the Sumerian inventions like the writing system and the wheel were so significant to human history.
- Explain Hammurabi’s Code and how it affects laws in today’s society.
- Describe how did technology help the Assyrians become a strong empire.
- Understand the differences between the Phoenician and the Sumerian writing systems, and compare them to our writing system today.