

Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent

Goals & Objectives

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

- How did the geography of the Fertile Crescent contribute to the growth of civilization?
- Where were Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent located?
- How did the Mesopotamian irrigation system allow civilization to develop?
- How was Sumerian society organized politically? How did that organization affect society?
- What was the Sumerian religion like? What does “polytheism” mean?
- How did the Sumerian inventions like the writing system and the wheel affect human history?
- What was Hammurabi’s Code? How has it influenced laws today?
- What is the difference between the Phoenician and the Sumerian writing systems? How are they like or unlike our writing system today?