

Questions—Mesopotamia  
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1. What are civilizations? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did the first civilizations develop in river valleys?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did people form governments?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What does “Mesopotamia” mean? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What kind of climate did Mesopotamia have? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What was a beneficial result of flooding? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was a detrimental result of flooding? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did the farmers do to help control flooding? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What was Sumer? \_\_\_\_\_
10. By when was Sumer formed? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Why was it difficult for the different cities to communicate with each other?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Why did Sumerians use mud as their main building material?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. How did they make bricks?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. What is a ziggurat and what was it for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. If you were like most people, and not a king, what would you have lived in?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What kinds of things did Sumer NOT have, that they needed to trade for?  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Who were in the three social classes? (top, middle, and lowest classes):  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. What did the Sumerians invent? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Quiz—Social Studies

Ancient People...

1. What does "Paleolithic" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When did the Paleolithic time begin? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Until when did the Paleolithic times last? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is a nomad? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why were Paleolithic people always on the move? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did the discovery of fire change people's lives?  
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. What did early humans have to do to adapt to the Ice Age?  
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Paleolithic people developed \_\_\_\_\_, which helped them to communicate.  
They also were the first to use \_\_\_\_\_, which helped them perform tasks.  
They used a hard stone called \_\_\_\_\_ to make tools.
13. What does "domesticate" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What did humans start to use animals for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. How did learning to grow their own food change human life?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What crops did they grow in Asia? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
17. Why did farmers have to stay close to their fields? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Why could the population grow once people were growing crops?  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Not everyone had to farm. Some people began to practice \_\_\_\_\_ (the  
development of different kinds of jobs), such as making \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves and other people.

20. After about 4000 BC, what did people in western Asia mix to make bronze?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
21. Why was it better than copper? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Civilizations have \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Why did the first civilizations arise in river valleys? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
24. What does "Mesopotamia" mean?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
25. What two rivers are in Mesopotamia? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
26. In what part of Mesopotamia was Sumer located? \_\_\_\_\_
27. How did the Sumerians make bricks? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
28. What did the Sumerians invent?  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_

Now for the biomes!

1. The tropical rainforest is home to:
  - a. polar bears
  - b. toucans
  - c. buffalo
  - d. arctic foxes
2. The alpine biome is located:
  - a. high in the mountains
  - b. deep in the oceans
  - c. only in Asia
3. An animal that does not belong in the African savanna is:
  - a. giraffe
  - b. elephant
  - c. lion
  - d. penguin
4. Threats to the desert biome include:
  - a. wildfire
  - b. vehicles
  - c. plant-stealing
  - d. a, b, and c
5. The hot desert biome's climate is:
  - a. hot and rainy
  - b. hot and dry
  - c. cold and dry
  - d. cold and wet
6. Threats to the rainforest include:

- a. logging      b. fires      c. global warming      d. a and c

7. Which of the following statements is true about the tundra?

- a. nothing lives there      b. It is the coldest biome      c. trees grow tall there

8. Which of the following statements is true about the chaparral biome?

- a. It is the biggest biome      b. it has more animals than any other biome
- b. It exists only in the arctic      d. it exists only in our imaginations