# Ancient Mesopotamia Study Guide

**Directions:** Match up the definitions in each group with its corresponding word.

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<th>B. Number System</th>
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1. This was invented to keep track of business records
2. A ruler of a kingdom or an empire
3. This system was based on the number 60; we still use parts of it today
4. Mesopotamia lays between these two rivers
5. People who did all the writing, were powerful and could easily move up in social class
6. This man set up the world’s first permanent army and the world first empire

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7. These people took care of the home and the children in Mesopotamia
8. Fertile farmland that extends from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea
9. A city and all the land around it (similar to a small country)
10. These people were educated and held all of the political power
11. The world’s first writing system (invented by the Sumerians)
12. Pyramid shaped temple tower; built tall so the people could be closer to the gods

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13. Hammurabi created Code of Laws as leader of this group; conquered the Sumerians
14. The world’s first civilization; invented bronze, the wheel and the plow,
15. This group lived on the Mediterranean Sea; expert sailors; invented an alphabet
16. Created the world’s first library in the city of Nineveh
17. Nebuchadnezzar created the Hanging Garden of Babylon as leader of this group
18. This group was the first to master ironworking and invent the chariot

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19. The world’s first city
20. King of Uruk; the world’s first superhero; legendary figure in Sumerian literature
21. A long poem that tells the story of a hero
22. A man-made waterway
23. Land with different territories and people under a single ruler
24. A mixture of soil and tiny rocks; great for farming
Directions: Answer the following questions:

- Why did the crops grow well in Mesopotamia?

- What was the main reason city-states went to war?

- Why did they build walls around their cities?

- Describe the class system of Mesopotamia.

Essay: Answer the following question using paragraph form.

The ancient civilization of Mesopotamia became very successful thanks to the creation of many inventions during their time. Which Mesopotamian invention do you feel was the most beneficial to their civilization? Explain why.

Things to remember:
- Where Mesopotamia is in the Ancient World (Use your Ancient Civilizations Map!)
- BCE years: bigger years come first; CE years: smaller years come first
- How to find out how many years are between events (same abbreviation – subtract; different abbreviation – add)
- Geographical features (rivers, bodies of water, mountains) and cities (Know your Ancient Mesopotamia Map)
- Periods of time from the Stone Age

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