

## CHAPTER 4 LESSON 1 NOTES

Mesopotamia was developed \_\_\_\_\_ B.C. They formed social classes according to \_\_\_\_\_.

Mesopotamia is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ civilization. The word Mesopotamia means “\_\_\_\_\_”.

The civilization was founded near the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rivers found in \_\_\_\_\_ Asia.

The people used \_\_\_\_\_ systems, canals dug out, which allowed the water to flow through their fields growing plants. Since this allowed crops to grow in \_\_\_\_\_, many citizens left the occupation of farming to become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **PROGRESS CHECK**

The Sumerians built their first cities in \_\_\_\_\_ Asia. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape made it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ making the cities learn how to become independent.

This new independence led to a \_\_\_\_\_ and economical control, which led to the formation of \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_. (a city that governs itself and its surrounding territories.) They often fought over \_\_\_\_\_ and political \_\_\_\_\_.

This civilization was \_\_\_\_\_, worshipped many gods. They built \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of their gods. These temples were called \_\_\_\_\_, which means “to rise high”.

This civilization consisted of three major social classes. The upper class included \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ . While the middle class

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was made of merchants, \_\_\_\_\_, fishers, and \_\_\_\_\_.

This class was the largest. Slaves formed the \_\_\_\_\_ social class.

The men and women of this civilization each had a specific role. The men were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the home, while the women stayed in the home to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Sumerian

laws required parents to \_\_\_\_\_ for children and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to care for \_\_\_\_\_ if needed.

Most people that lived in Sumer were farmers. They tended to grow \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and dates. \_\_\_\_\_ was a key part of the Sumer's economy. They had trade routes that stretched as far as India and \_\_\_\_\_. Some items they traded for were timber, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **PROGRESS CHECK**

Finish taking notes for the Sumerian Contributions. You are allowed to work in partners. You need at least 7 facts. This does not mean that you are just copying straight from the book or copying the vocabulary words down.

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