**ORIGINS OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

**RIVERS AND DESERTS**

* IT’S ALL ABOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!
* LIFE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS SHAPED BY



* WATER IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THIS LAND! WHAT ARE THE THREE MAJOR TIVERS? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* THESE THREE RIVERS PROMOTED THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OF CIVILIZATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST!
* THESE ANCIENT RIVERS ALLOWED PEOPLE TO STAY IN ONE PLACE AND STILL HAVE THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF LIFE.
* RIVER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_CARRIED FERTILE SOIL SUITABLE FOR FARMING. THE PEOPLE ALONG THESE RIVERS DEPENDED ON THE FLOODS FOR FERTILE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* THEY LEARNED TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_THE FLOOD WATERS.

**SURROUNDING WATERS**

* WATER SURROUNDS THE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. THESE WERE LOGICAL SETTLING AREAS WITH \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AND USEFUL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. EVEN THE SEA THAT IS NO LONGER THERE PROVIDES THE MIDDLE EAST WITH A “BLACK GOLD” – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FROM ANCIENT SEA CREATURES LONG AGO DEAD BUT LEFT BEHIND!

**TURKEY A CROSSROADS NATION**

* TURKEY IS CONSIDERED A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_NATION, BUT IT TOUCHES EUROPE, AND IT IS MUCH FURTHER NORTH WITH GRASSLAND AND FORESTS.

**THE MESOPOTAMIAN CITY STATE**

* EARLY CIVILIZATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AROSE IN THE FERTILE RIVER VALLEYS UNDER RULERS LIKE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_IN THE FERTILE CRESCENT.

**CITY-STATES**

* SUMERIANS SETTLED THIS AREA FIRST AROUND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* THEY FACED 3 CHALLENGES

1.

2.

3.

* THEY FACED THESE CHALLENGES BY BUILDING HIGH \_\_\_\_\_\_AROUND THEIR CITIES

**MAINTAINING IRRIGATION CANALS AND MILITARY PROTECTION**

* SUMERIANS BELIEVED IN MANY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, AND THEY BUILT TEMPLES IN EVERY CITY STATE TO THE GOD THEY BELIEVED PROTECTED THAT PARTICULAR CITY.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LED THE WORSHIP OF THESE GODS, AND THEY BECAME THE EARLY RULERS. LATER KINGS OF THE CITY STATES WERE ELECTED TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY STATE.
* KINGS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OTHER CITY STATES
* THEY ALLOWED LOCAL PRIESTS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL
* OR, THEY BUILT EMPIRES WHERE THEY DEMANDED THEY BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AS GODS
* THEY BECAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_RULERS

**THE CLASS SYSTEM**

* MESOPOTAMIANS LIVED ACCORDING TO A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CLASSES WERE GIVEN CERTAIN RIGHTS
* UPPER CLASS OFCOURSE HAD MORE!
* THE TOP WAS MADE UP OF:

1.

2.

3.

* MIDDLE – SPECIALLY SKILLED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* LOWER MIDDLE – WORKING PEOPLES
* LOWER CLASS –\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_CAPTURED IN BATTLE OR SOLD BY THEMSELVES TO PAY OFF DEBTS

**A CULTURE BASED ON WRITING**

* SUMERIANS DEVELOPED ONE OF FIRST SYSTEMS OF WRITING CALLED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* WRITING WAS DONE BY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, NOT THE GENERAL PUBLIC
* BECAUSE OF WRITING AND ITS USE WE CAN READ HISTORY AS IT WAS
* SCRIBES WERE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE UPPER CLASS (MALES MOSTLY)
* THEY WENT TO SCHOOL FROM SUN UP TO SUNDOWN!
* FEW COULD\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, SO SCRIBES READ OUT LOUD TO THEIR AUDIENCE
* THE EPIC OF GILGAMESH AND THE GREAT FLOOD STORY