

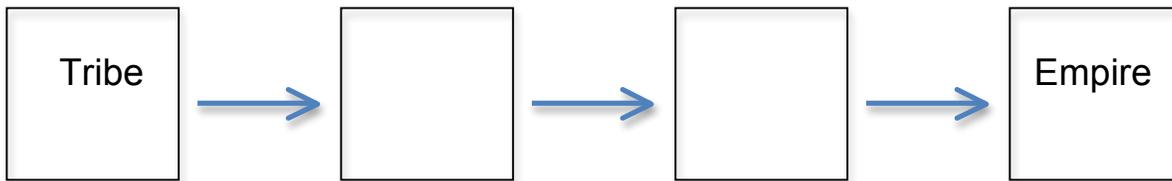
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## “Empire Questions”

For the next month or so you will be studying the Fertile Crescent and the civilizations that existed during various periods of time in and around this region. This be will be graded as homework and checked weekly (you will be assigned a “chunk” of questions to finish every week, you are free to work ahead of schedule). This packet will be collected at the end of this unit of study. You will be able to use this on quizzes and the final test.

1. People were nomadic before the rise of civilization. What does nomadic mean?

2. Fill in the following chart that shows how societies grew.



3. The first civilizations developed near these two rivers.

4. *Why* did the first civilizations develop in river valleys?

5. What was the name of the *area* that gave birth to the first civilizations?

6. What was the first civilization of the ancient world?

7. What is a city-state?

8. What does polytheistic mean?

9. List four duties that priests in a Sumerian city-state had to do:

1.

2.

3.

4.

10. What were Sumerian temples called and what was located at the top?

11. Name one major god that was worshipped in Mesopotamia. What did he/she reign over?

12. What does monotheistic mean?

13. How were the Hebrews differ from other ancient people?

14. Why did ancient rulers build large palaces and temples?

15. How was the king's religious faith directly tied into his power to rule?

16. What does it mean when we say that rulers in the ancient world were hereditary leaders?

17. What caused major conflicts among the first civilizations of the Fertile Crescent?

18. List any three groups of people who developed civilizations in the Fertile Crescent.

19. What tasks did the first organized governments perform?

20. *Why* were the first laws written?

21. What was Hammurabi's code?

22. What was the basic principle of Hammurabi's code?

23. In the ancient world, who was specially trained to read and write?

24. What did ancient people invent to record grain harvests and keep accurate records of the seasons?

25. How did irrigation systems help Sumerians?

26. *How* did cities change the way people work?

27. *Why* were people able to specialize in jobs in early civilizations?

28. List four things an artisan would make:

1.

2.

3.

4.

29. Ranking people according to their jobs led to this:

30. Who was Abraham?

31. Who was Moses?

32. What are the Ten Commandments (generally speaking)?

33. How does the Old Testament give history about early Israel?