

Topic: B: The Fertile Crescent

Days: 2

Subject(s): Social Studies

Grade(s): 71

**Key Learning: Characteristics of the Fertile Crescent caused it to become the ideal location for civilization.**

**Unit Essential Question(s): How did The Fertile Crescent shape civilization and influence history?**

<b>Concept:</b> <b>Geography of Mesopotamia</b> 7.2.9.A, 7.4.9.A, 7.4.9.B	<b>Concept:</b> <b>People of Mesopotamia</b> 8.1.9.A, 8.1.9.B, 8.1.9.C, 8.1.9.D, 8.4.9.A, 8.4.9.B, 8.4.9.C, 8.4.9.D	<b>Concept:</b> <b>Geography of Mediterranean</b> 7.2.9.A, 7.4.9.A, 7.4.9.B
<b>Lesson Essential Question(s):</b> What major physical features were present in Mesopotamia? (A)  How did geography influence the development of civilization in Mesopotamia? (A)  What major cities rose in Mesopotamia? (A)	<b>Lesson Essential Question(s):</b> What were the religious and cultural contributions of the Sumerians? (A)  What were the religious, cultural, and political contributions of the Babylonians? (A)  What were the political and cultural contributions of the Assyrians? (A)  What were the political and cultural contributions of the Chaldeans? (A)	<b>Lesson Essential Question(s):</b> What major physical features were present in the Mediterranean? (A)  How did geography influence the development of civilization in the Mediterranean? (A)  What major cities rose in the Mediterranean? (A)
<b>Vocabulary:</b> Fertile Crescent, City-State	<b>Vocabulary:</b> Scribe, Polytheism, Myth, Empire, Caravan, Bazaar, Zoroastrianism	<b>Vocabulary:</b>

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Lesson Essential Question(s):

What were the cultural contributions of the Phoenicians? (A)

How did the Phoenicians encourage trade with those around them? (A)

Why were the Israelites unique among the peoples of the Fertile Crescent? (A)

What are the basic beliefs of Judaism? (A)



Vocabulary:

Code, Cuneiform, Alphabet, Monotheism, Famine, Exile, Covenant, Prophet, Diaspora

Additional Information:

Attached Document(s):

Vocab Report for Topic: B: The Fertile Crescent

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**Concept: Geography of Mesopotamia**

Fertile Crescent - Region of the Middle East in which civilizations first arose

City-State - Political unit that includes a city and its surrounding lands and villages

**Concept: People of Mesopotamia**

Scribe - In ancient civilizations, a person specially trained to read, write, and keep records

Polytheism - Belief in many gods

Myth - A traditional story that explains the world view of a people

Empire - Group of states or territories controlled by one ruler

Caravan - A group of people traveling together, usually for trade

Bazaar - ~~a permanent merchandising area, marketplace, or street of shops where goods are exchanged or sold~~

Zoroastrianism - ~~Ancient religion that highlights the struggle between light (good) and dark (evil)~~

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**Concept: People of the Mediterranean**

Code - A set of rules, principles, or laws; especially written ones

Cuneiform - In the ancient Middle East, a system of writing that used wedge-shaped marks

Alphabet - Writing system in which each symbol represents a single basic sound

Monotheism - Belief in one god

Famine - A severe shortage of food in which large numbers of people starve

Exile - To be away from one's home and unable to return due to threat or fear

Covenant - A binding agreement; specifically in the Jewish tradition, the binding agreement God made with Abraham

Prophet - A spiritual leader who interprets God's will for the people

Diaspora - The spreading of the Jews beyond their historic homeland