Civilizations of the Eastern Hemisphere

All the civilizations of the Eastern Hemisphere settled in ___river___ ___valleys___ because they needed...

- Protection
- Irrigation
- Trade
- Transportation & Exploration
Mesopotamia

**irrigation**: a way to get water from rivers to crops  

**city states**: a city that has its own government and rules its own territory  

**specialization**: when a person or country focuses on producing a single/small number of products  

**cuneiform**: a system of writing that uses wedge-shaped marks etched into clay

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<td>Located between the <strong>Tigris River</strong> and <strong>Euphrates River</strong></td>
<td>city states were ruled by individual leaders</td>
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| Mesopotamia was made up of several smaller civilizations:  
• Sumer  
• Babylon  
• Assyria | **Hammurabi’s Code**: one of the first forms of written law. Not only named laws, but also punishments |

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| **Specialization** in work: weavers, potters, priests, metal workers  
Because of their geography, they would use the Tigris & Euphrates Rivers to **trade** on | **polytheistic religion**: believes in many gods  
**social structure**:  
• upper class: priests, government officials, warriors  
• middle class: farmers, merchants, artisans  
• lowers class: people from conquered lands |

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| **Sumerians**: wheel, irrigation, bronze tools & weapons, cuneiform  
**Babylonians**: number system base 60 | **Irrigation** from the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers allowed them to create a **surplus**  
Invented the plow allowed much easier farming |