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**Mesopotamia Vocabulary**

*directions: write the letter of the vocabulary word next to its correct definition*

\_\_\_ Not easily changed

**Word Bank**

1. agriculture
2. barrier
3. city-state
4. domesticate
5. fertile
6. minimal
7. nomad
8. resource
9. specialization
10. stable
11. trade
12. irrigation

\_\_\_ A focus on a particular activity or area of study

\_\_\_ Something that blocks the way

\_\_\_ To train a wild animal to be useful for humans

\_\_\_ A person who moves from place to place

\_\_\_ the practice of growing crops and domesticating animals

\_\_\_ exchange of goods and services

\_\_\_ a substance in the environment that is useful to people

\_\_\_ able to produce a good crop

\_\_\_ a way of supplying water to an area of land

\_\_\_ a sovereign state comprising a city and its immediate hinterland

\_\_\_ smallest in amount, least people

Civilization: A society with cities, a central government, job specialization, and social classes

Social structure: the way a civilization is organized ( such as upper, middle, lower classes)

Technology: the use of tools and other inventions for practical purposes

Hammurabi’s Code: first written code/set of laws that all were expected to obey.

Fertile Crescent: A geographical area of fertile land in the Middle East

Mesopotamia: This civilization name means "the land between two rivers"

Merchant: a person who makes money selling goods

Artisan: A skilled craftsperson

Scribe: a person who writes

Culture: a characteristic of civilization that includes the beliefs and behaviors of a society or a group of people

Cuneiform: first writing system

Empire: a large territory in which several groups of people are ruled by a single leader or government

Capital: a city that is the center of government

Economy: the way a country uses resources to produce and sell or trade goods and services to meet people's needs and wants

Siege: a military blockage and attack on a city to force it to surrender

Reside: to live in a particular place

Classify: arrange or order by classes or categories

Alternate: to go back and forth; change from one thing to another