NOTES ON MESOPOTAMIA

1. What were the results of the emergence of agriculture?
   1. Surplus food
   2. Social division (different jobs)
   3. Permanent homes (villages)
2. How did irrigation (the invention of levees, canals, and dams) impact civilization?
   1. Gave more fertile land
   2. Which in turn gave surplus food
3. How did the domestication of plants and animals affect humans?
   1. Gave humans surplus food
   2. Healthier diet
   3. Larger population
   4. More free time
4. Describe the first early river system civilization.
   1. Geography-
      1. Located in the Fertile Crescent
      2. Between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
      3. Role of the river system
         1. Food
         2. Water
         3. Irrigation to create fertile land
         4. Trade and transportation
      4. Landforms
         1. Zagros mountains
         2. Deserts- Syrian and Arabian
         3. Persian Gulf
      5. Climate- arid and dry
   2. Religion- polytheistic (7 gods related to nature; 3,000 total)
   3. Achievements-
      1. Adaptations to environment
      2. Farming/agriculture
      3. Plow pulled by oxen
      4. Wheel
      5. Irrigation- dams, levees, canals
      6. Cuneiform- writing systems; clay tablets
      7. Calendar
      8. Ziggurats- temples
      9. Mud bricks
   4. Politics
      1. King
      2. First written laws- Code of Hammurabi
      3. City-states
      4. Main civilizations- Sumerians, Babylonians, and Phoenicians
   5. Economics
      1. Natural resources
         1. Fertile soil
         2. Fish
         3. Barley
         4. Wheat
         5. Figs
         6. Grapes
      2. Trade and economic activities
         1. Barter
         2. Trade routes and centers
         3. Taxes on supplies
         4. Time
   6. Social Structure
      1. King
      2. Priests
      3. Artisans (craft workers)
      4. Scribes
      5. Farmers
      6. Slaves
      7. Men and women had different roles