

Flash Facts Study Guide For Ancient Mesopotamia, Israel and Phoenicia

1. **What does Mesopotamia mean?** “land between two rivers”
2. **What is The Fertile Crescent?** a moon shaped area between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
3. **What means “to tame to the needs of people”?** domesticate
4. **What was established in 8000 B.C. as the oldest city in history?** Jericho
5. **Name the inventions of Sumer.** wheel, canals, land measurement like the acre, quarts, division of time in groups of 60, plow, sailboat, 12 month calendar
6. **Define a City state.** a city and the surrounding land
7. **Who is called ‘the big man’?** Mesopotamian kings
8. **What is a ziggurat?** a pyramid shaped temple with ramps built so the gods could visit earth
9. **Name some Mesopotamian gods.** Enlil (god of wind) Enki (god of wisdom) and Ninhursag (mother of earth)
10. **Define division of labor.** when people do not have to spend all their time
11. growing or finding food) and can do other work
11. **What is extra food or resources?** surplus
12. **What writing system means “wedge –shaped”?** cuneiform
13. **Whose job was it to write?** scribes
14. **Who went to school?** only rich boys
15. **What did King Nebuchadnezzar do?** rebuilt the city of Babylon and
16. built the “Hanging Gardens” ziggurat
16. **What are the 4 social classes?** nobles, commoners (workers), clients (who worked for nobles or temple) and slaves
17. **Who united Sumer?** King Sargon

18. **What were inventions of war?** chariots and battering rams
19. **Who established a Code, the first organized recorded laws?** King Hammurabi
20. **What is the Code's basic system of justice?** "an eye for an eye"
21. **What is the belief in many gods?** polytheism
22. **Who left Mesopotamia to go to Israel?** Hebrews
23. **How is Abraham connected to 3 religions?** son Ishmael will begin Islam,
 24. grandson Jacob will begin Judaism
 25. and also related to Jesus Christ
24. **What do these religions stress?** individual worth and personal responsibility
25. **What is monotheism?** belief in one god
26. **Who was famous for the 10 Commandments?** Moses
27. **Who are the kings of Israel?** King David (founds city of Jerusalem),
 28. King Saul,
 King Solomon (begins first Jewish temple)
28. **Who were important traders of Mediterranean Sea?** Phoenicians
29. **Where does the word "purple" come from?** collected snails to make valuable dye called purpura
30. **Who invented first alphabet of 22 letters?** Phoenicians