Ancient Mesopotamia Webquest

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***Ancient Mesopotamia - Cities***

1. The city of Uruk was the center of what civilization?

2. What story told of the exploits of King Gilgamesh of Uruk?

3. What city was the first capital and religious center of the Assyrian Empire?

4. What city was home to Hammurabi and Nebuchadnezzar?

5. Who did God command to travel to Nineveh in the Bible?

6. What king first built the city of Persepolis?

7. What ancient wonder of the world had its home in Babylon?

8. What city was home to a large library with over 20,000 clay tablets?

9. What structure is the city of Nimrud famous for?

***The Ziggurat***

1. What was a ziggurat in the world of Ancient Mesopotamia?

2. Where was the ziggurat, or ziggurats, located within a city?

3. What did a ziggurat look like?

4. How many levels did a ziggurat have?

5. What god was the ziggurat of Babylon built for?

6. What civilization of Ancient Mesopotamia first built a ziggurat?

7. What other civilization built temples similar to the ziggurat?

8. How tall is the tallest of the ziggurats estimated to be?

***Science and Technology***

1. Which civilization is credited for being the first to invent writing?

2. Why did the ancient Mesopotamians need mathematics?

3. What number did the Mesopotamian civilizations use as the base number for their numbering system?

4. How many months did they have in their calendar?

5. About how many years ago did the Sumerians start to use the wheel on vehicles?

6. What ancient city had two huge walls built 35 feet high and over 20 feet wide for miles and miles around it?

7. The Mesopotamians studied the phases of which celestial body in order to develop their calendar?

8. What technology did they take advantage of in order to make strong weapons and tools?

***The Assyrian Army***

1. What is a standing army?

2. What types of animals were used to pull chariots?

3. What time of year did the Assyrians launch a new battle campaign?

4. What type of metal made the weapons of the Assyrians stronger than that of their enemies?

5. What kinds of weapons were used specifically to conquer cities with fortified walls?

6. What made the Assyrian army so powerful and fearsome?

7. How many soldiers typically rode on a chariot?

***Sumerians***

1. What are the Sumerians famous for?

2. What was the basic division of government throughout the Sumer land?

3. Which of the following is considered an important invention by the Sumerians?

4. What was the temple called that was located at the center of each city?

5. What do we call the land called where the Sumer lived?

6. What are the Tigris and the Euphrates?

7. How was the number 60 important to the Sumerians?

8. What were their homes made of?

***Daily Life in Mesopotamia***

1. What type of jobs could people get in the cities of Ancient Mesopotamia?

2. What people were at the very bottom of the social class?

3. What were the homes made out of that the Ancient Mesopotamians live in?

4. Where did the people often sleep to stay cool during the summer?

5. What type of materials did they use for their clothing?

6. How did the women typically wear their hair?

***Religion and gods of Mesopotamia***

1. Who was the primary god of the Babylonians?

2. What was Enlil god of?

3. What group of people worshiped Ashur as their primary god?

4. What Sumerian god of wisdom and intellect was considered the shaper of the world and was most closely associated with the city of Eridu?

***Code of Hammurabi***

1. What was the Code of Hammurabi?

2. Who was Hammurabi?

3. What types of laws were included in the code?

4. Around how many laws were included in the code?

5. On what famous object was the code inscribed?

6. What was the punishment for a son who hit his father?

7. What is diorite?

8. What language was the Code of Hammurabi written in?