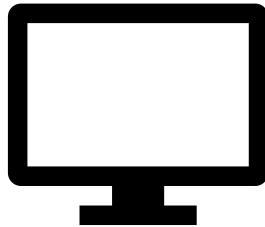
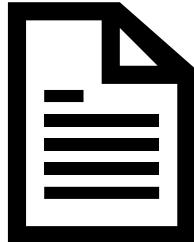


ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA



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For the first time, cities developed, governments were created, and people learned to write. It was nicknamed the "Cradle of Civilization". Mesopotamia included various people and languages. The land was perfect for producing crops with its flat and rich soil, rainfall, and warm climate, allowing settled life. From there, the world's first cities grew. Society, laws, and kings were common.

Sumer was the first civilization "born" between 3000 BC and 3000 BC. Sumer had 12 major city-states (cities), the most famous being Kish, Uruk, Ur, and Lagash. Over time, Sumerians created the first government and invented writing, called cuneiform. Other notable inventions include the wheel, sailboat, plow, frying pans, razors, cosmetics, harps, kilns, hammers, and axes. The Sumerians belong to four different classes: priests, upper class, lower class, and enslaved persons.

The Sumerian artisans made intricate mosaics, jewelry, helmets, harps, and pottery. They also created musical instruments made from bone and wood. Details were important, which led this civilization to write everything down. An interesting habit - only boys were allowed to go to school.

The people north of Sumer, called Akkadians, ruled over Sumer. Sargon, conqueror of Sumer, created the first empire in the world. For the first time, Sumer city-states became unified. This change shifted from Sumerian to Akkadian, which remained throughout much of Mesopotamia.

Sumerians built massive temples called ziggurats to honor the gods. These huge structures with giant steps stood in the center of town. Religious festivals were held on top of the ziggurats. Generally, the ziggurat was happy and busy. Following the Sumerians and Akkadians came the Babylonians from Babylon. The Amorites conquered Mesopotamia, and power shifted to Babylon. Babylon had two different empires - Old Babylonian (around 1600 BC) and New Babylonian empires. The latter defeated old Babylon, but Babylonians regained power in the 6th century BC. Babylon means "gate to the gods".

How many major cities did Sumer have? *

- Twenty
- Twelve
- Seven
- Four

What was the region north of Sumer called? *

- Abbot
- Delta
- Akkad
- None of the above

What were the Sumerian temples called? *

- Staruggiz
- Sartorians
- Akkadians
- Ziggurats



READING PASSAGE

15 QUESTIONS

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ANSWER KEY:
1. C. Seven
2. A. Twenty
3. D. Four
4. B. Four
5. C. Six
6. D. Eight
7. A. One
8. B. Two
9. C. Three
10. D. Four
11. A. Abbot
12. B. Deltor
13. C. Akkad
14. D. None of the above
15. A. Staruggiz
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4. Sumerian writing was called cuneiform. *
A. True
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5. Today, the area of ancient Mesopotamia is known as Mexico. *
A. True
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6. What was the name of the ruler of Akkad?
A. Sargon
B. Cardian
C. Hammurabi
D. Sartor

7. Mesopotamia is the "land between the rivers." *
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DIGITAL OR PRINT



THINK
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INCLUDED

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ 15 QUESTIONS
- ✓ SELF-GRADING
- ✓ PRINTABLE VERSION
- ✓ DIGITAL VERSION



QUESTION TYPES

-  MULTIPLE CHOICE (6)
-  TRUE OR FALSE (9)
-  EDITABLE QUESTIONS
(FOR DIGITAL VERSION)

True

False



STUDENTS NEED

✓ ACCESS TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM™
(IF USING THE DIGITAL FORMAT)

✓ GOOGLE™ ACCOUNTS

✓ KNOW HOW TO ZOOM IN AND ZOOM OUT TO
ENLARGE OR SHRINK THE SCREEN

True

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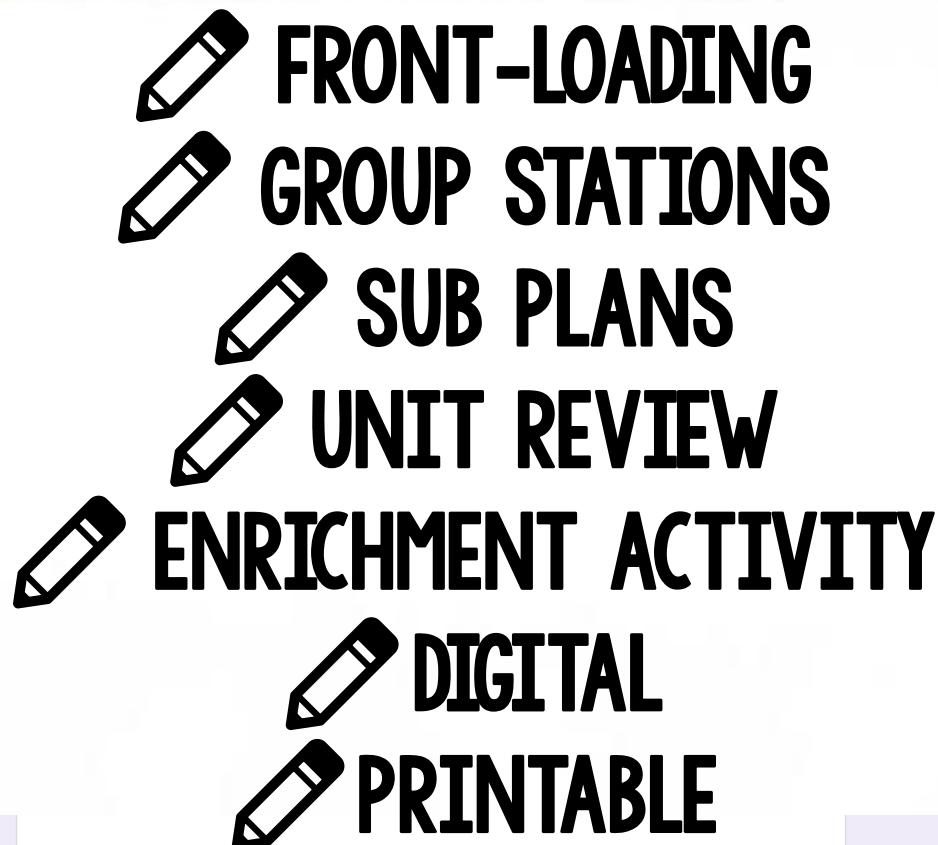
BENEFITS

The image shows a laptop screen with a white background. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "Questions", "Responses", and "Settings", and a status bar indicating "Total points: 15". In the center, the word "BENEFITS" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. To the left of each benefit, there is a small icon of a pencil. The benefits listed are:

- SELF-GRADING
- IMMEDIATE STUDENT FEEDBACK
- PAPERLESS
- NO PREP
- SAVES YOU TIME
- COMPREHENSION PRACTICE

Below the laptop, there is a circular logo with the words "THINK TANK" in pink and blue letters, set against a blue and white striped background.

OPTIONS

- 
- FRONT-LOADING
 - GROUP STATIONS
 - SUB PLANS
 - UNIT REVIEW
 - ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY
 - DIGITAL
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