

## Ancient River Valley Civilization Review Sheet

<p><b>Mesopotamia</b></p> <p><b>Geography</b> – Euphrates and Tigris River (Flooding irregular); Fertile Crescent; Modern Day Iraq; <i>Silt</i>; Land between the rivers.</p> <p><b>Religion</b> – <i>Polytheistic</i>; Humans to serve gods; Afterlife bad; <i>Ziggurat</i>.</p> <p><b>Achievements</b> – Wheel; Sail; <i>Cuneiform</i>; First written code of laws; <i>Irrigation</i>; Mathematics.</p> <p><b>Society</b> – Had distinct social classes; Know the levels; 90% Farmers.</p> <p><b>Government</b> – Monarchy; City-States (<i>Sumer</i>, Ur, Uruk)</p> <p><b>People</b> – <i>Hammurabi</i>; Sargon; Scribes; Akkad (First Empire).</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b> – Gilgamesh; Sumer (First civilization).</p>	<p><b>Egypt</b></p> <p><b>Geography</b> – Nile River (Flooding regular); Surrounded by Sahara Desert; Cataracts; Silt; Upper -v- Lower Egypt; <i>Deltas</i>.</p> <p><b>Religion</b> – Polytheistic; Pharaohs rule from the afterlife; Pyramids (Tombs of pharaohs); Mummification.</p> <p><b>Achievements</b> – <i>Hieroglyphics</i>; Papyrus; <i>Rosetta Stone</i>; Solar calendars; <i>Flooding calendars</i>; Irrigation; Geometry.</p> <p><b>Society</b> – Had distinct social classes; Know the levels.</p> <p><b>Government</b> – <i>Theocracy</i>; Pharaohs; Organized Government.</p> <p><b>People</b> – King Menes; <i>Ramses II</i>; Ra (Sun God).</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b> – Sphinx; <i>Direction of River flow</i>.</p>
<p><b>Indus</b></p> <p><b>Geography</b> – <i>Subcontinent</i>; Indus and Ganges Rivers; Deccan Plateau; Mountain ranges (Himalaya and Hindu Kush); <i>Monsoons</i>.</p> <p><b>Religion</b> – Polytheistic; Early ties to Hindu.</p> <p><b>Achievements</b> – Planned cities (Grid system); Sewage system; Plumbing; Oven baked mud bricks; <i>Stamps and seals for trade</i>; Toilet.</p> <p><b>Society</b> – No distinct social classes; Prosperous society; Relatively peaceful; Info largely unknown (no deciphered written language).</p> <p><b>Government</b> – <i>Strong central government</i>.</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b> – Mohenjo-Daro; Harappa; Also known as Harappan Civilization. <i>Mysterious collapse</i>.</p>	<p><b>China</b></p> <p><b>Geography</b> – Huang He and Yangtze rivers; <i>Geographically isolated</i>; Gobi Desert; <i>Himalayan Mountains</i>.</p> <p><b>Religion</b> – Polytheistic; <i>Ancestor worship</i>; Oracle bones.</p> <p><b>Achievements</b> – Use of silk; Walled cities; Timber-framed houses; Use of bronze.</p> <p><b>Society</b> – Social Classes; <i>Centered around the family</i>; Women were inferior; Elderly had special privileges; Warrior nobles; Peasants.</p> <p><b>Government</b> – Dynasties; <i>Mandate of Heaven</i>; Feudalism.</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b> – Loess; Dynastic cycle; <i>Shang and Zhou dynasties</i>.</p>

## VOCABULARY Part I

- 1) Major wind and rain storms that swept through India and China were called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ were the two major cities of the Indus civilization.
- 3) Early religions were \_\_\_\_\_, this means that they had many gods.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ is the reed that grew in the Nile river delta used by the Egyptians to create paper.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ means land between the rivers.
- 6) This Egyptian leader united Upper and Lower Egypt and was the first Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) This is a government in which the head of the state is also the head of the religion \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) The time before the invention of writing is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) These are shallow Whirlpools / Rapids on the Nile river \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) Chinese writing was able to be understood or deciphered by all people, even those who spoke other dialects because it was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11) In China, the idea that someone is in power because god wants them to be is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12) Stepped pyramids in Mesopotamia were known as \_\_\_\_\_ and used observed the \_\_\_\_\_ and talk to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ were the special group of people who were able to write in ancient civilizations.
- 14) Breeding wild animals to be tame is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15) \_\_\_\_\_ created the world's first written code of laws.
- 16) \_\_\_\_\_ was what helped to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics.
- 17) The dead in ancient Egypt were preserved through \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18) The Mesopotamian form of writing was called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19) China remained isolated for many centuries because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20) The changing from one ruling family to another in China is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 21) The Yellow River was named because of \_\_\_\_\_; or its yellow silt.
- 22) A town that had its own, independent government is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 23) The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ are the two early dynasties of Ancient China.
- 24) A land granting system from China that exchanges rent for protection is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

## VOCABULARY Part II

Sumer  
Indus

China  
Egypt

Babylon  
Akkad

- 1) Invention of the wheel \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Dynasties \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Pyramids used as tombs only \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Plumbing/sewage system \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Hammurabi's code (first code of laws) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Leader was seen as a god \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) City set up in a grid pattern \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) World's first empire \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Pyramid like structures for religion/government/storage \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Worship of ancestors \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Stamps and seals for trade \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Traded with the Nubians and Kush \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Monsoons caused problems \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Idea of "Eye for an Eye" \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Ziggurats \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) Predictable flooding \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Can't read their writing \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) Used the Mandate of Heaven to say they should rule \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Cuneiform \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) Flood calendar \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit 2 River Valley Civilization Matching

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Curved shaped land between two rivers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Thick bed of mud
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Ditches that carry river water to fields
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Belief in many gods
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Series of rulers from one family
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Spread from one culture to another
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Ruler of Babylon and wrote a law code
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Area in which silt is deposited along a river
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Government led by religious leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Egyptian god-king
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Egyptian way to preserve dead bodies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. System of writing using pictures
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Paper made from reeds
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Land mass that includes India
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Seasonal winds
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Cities in Indus River Valley
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Fertile soil found in China
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Method used in China to communicate with gods
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. God given right to rule
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Rivers found in Mesopotamia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Rivers found in the Indus River Valley Civilization
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. River found in Egypt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Rivers found in the China River Valley Civilization

Words	
A. Nile	N. Dynasty
B. Polytheism	O. Harappa / Mohenjo-Daro
C. Hammurabi	P. cultural diffusion
D. Subcontinent	Q. mummification
E. Pharaoh	R. irrigation system
F. Fertile Crescent	S. Mandate of Heaven
G. Oracle bone	T. Delta
H. Ganges / Indus Rivers	U. Huang He / Yangtze Rivers
I. Silt	V. Hieroglyphics
J. Papyrus	W. Tigris/Euphrates
K. Loess	
L. Monsoon	
M. Theocracy	

# River Valley Civilizations Map Review

Mesopotamia and Sumer (RED)

Nile River Valley (Red)

Indus River Valley (Orange)

Chinese River Valley (Purple)

Indus River (Blue)

Huang He River (Blue)

Red Sea (blue)

Mediterranean Sea (Blue)

Persian Gulf (Blue)

Indian Ocean (Blue)

Pacific Ocean (Blue)

Himalaya Mountains (Brown)

Zagros Mountains (Brown)

Hindu Kush Mountains (Brown)

Gobi Desert (yellow)

Sahara Desert (yellow)

## MAJOR CITIES - Label with a dot

Mohenjo-Daro

Harappa

Ur

Babylon

Memphis

Thebes

# The Four Ancient River Valley Civilizations

