**World History #6**

**Mesopotamia (Land Between Two Rivers)**

**10,000 B.C.E. Last Ice Age - climate and diet change**

**Fertile Crescent**

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**7,000 B.C.E. Agriculture started - Jarmo in middle east – rivers important**

**5,000 B.C.E. Mesopotamia – The land between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers**

**The Rivers were wild and flooded at different times**

**3200 B.C.E. Sumerians of Sumer**

**2700 B.C.E. Epic of Gilgamesh – story of a great flood**

**2234-2154 B.C.E. Sargon and Akkadians**

**2101-2004 B.C.E. Ur-Nammu the 3rd Dynasty / City of Ur**

**1792-1750 B.C.E. Babylon**

**1772 B.C.E. Code of Hammurabi – geometry**

**1750-1100 B.C.E. Myceneans traders in the Mediterranean Sea**

**1700-1200 B.C.E. Hittites Empire - developed iron**

**1700-1200 B.C.E. Assyrians – perfected use of iron and the Chariots Plus ruled by terror**

**1500 B.C.E. Aryan’s invaded India**

**1100-700 B.C.E. Classical Dark Age the collapse of the great Empires**

**722 B.C.E. Fall of Israel to the Assyrians**

**700 B.C.E. The Lydians begin to use coins**

**Phoenicians (fih-NISH-uh) sea traders and begin alphabet (purple dye)**

**626 B.C.E. Nebuchadnezzar**

**Hanging Gardens of Babylon**

**626-539 B.C.E. Chaldean Babylon Empire**

**586 B.C.E. Fall of Judah to the Babylon**

**567 B.C.E. Siddhartha Gautama is born (Buddha)**

**539 B.C.E. Persian Greatest Empire in Middle East - Cyrus II**

***Zoroastrianism* (zor-oh-AS-tur) one god in struggle between good and evil**

**Mesopotamian society included:**

**Ruling and priestly elites**

**Free commoners**

**Mostly worked as peasant cultivators**

**Some in cities as workers or skilled people**

**Paid taxes**

**Dependent clients**

**Had no property**

**Wage laborers on farms**

**Owed a portion of their crops to owners (like sharecroppers)**

**Paid taxes**

**Slaves**

**3 main sources: POWs, convicted criminals, heavily indebted individuals**

**Most were domestic servants in wealthy households**

**Some were agricultural laborers**

**Many owners granted freedom after some number of years of good service**

**Some slaves were even allowed to trade and could earn their freedom**

**Sumerians, Babylon, Hittites, Assyrians, and Persians dominated the region at different times for the rivers were unreliable in their flooding pattern.**

**Proverbs from 2,000 B.C.**

**“Who possesses much silver maybe happy;**

**Who possesses much barley maybe happy;**

**But he who has nothing at all can sleep.”**

**“Into an open mouth, a fly enters”**

**“My wife is at the temple;**

**My mother is down by the river;**

**And here I am starving of hunger.”**

**“Wealth is hard to come by,**

**But poverty is always with us.”**

**“Friendship lasts a day**

**Family ties are forever.”**

**“Tell a lie. Then, if you tell the truth**

**It will be thought a lie.”**

**“For pleasure: marriage;**

**On his thinking it over; divorce.”**

**Cuneiform**

***Cuneiform* – (Kyoo-nee-uh-form) wedge shaped**

**A close-up of a coin

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**Archers Gate of Ishtar Babylon**

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**City of Persepolis – Persia**