**VIDEO FOLLOW ALONG: THE HISTORY OF MESOPOTAMIA**

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| **Directions:** **Watch and listen to the video closely. Fill in the missing pieces. https://youtu.be/KY05g30v2Xo** |

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| The Location of Mesopotamia | |
| **Mesopotamia, the land between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, derives its name and existence from the rivers Tigris and Euphrates. These \_\_\_\_\_\_ rivers created the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Crescent in the midst of surrounding inhospitable territory. The space we call [Mesopotamia] is roughly the same as that of the modern country of Iraq.** | PAUSE VIDEO & REFLECT  **What two rivers surround Mesopotamia?**   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   **If we looked at a map of the world today, Mesopotamia would be located in which modern day country?**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| The Agricultural Revolution | |
| **About ten thousand years ago, the people of this area began the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ revolution. Instead of hunting and gathering their food, they domesticated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & animals, beginning with the sheep. They lived in houses built from reeds or mud-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, grouped in villages where they tended their crops. They built granaries to store their grain, and they began developing a token system to record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & accounts.** | PAUSE VIDEO & REFLECT  **What did  people in this area start 10,000 years ago?**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **What did Mesopotamians  build their houses out of?**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Why did Mesopotamians create a token system?**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| Development in Mesopotamia | |
| **Between 3500 and 3000, for reasons still not well understood, the civilization of Southern Mesopotamia underwent a sudden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and change, centered in the cities of Ur and Uruk. This development was perhaps driven by climate change which made the old ways of agriculture \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ productive. People clustered into fewer, but larger, locations. the plough, potter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  and the introduction of bronze can be seen as responses to the demands of a more intensive economic life. In this same period came the beginnings of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, metrological systems and arithmetic.** | PAUSE VIDEO & REFLECT  **What type of change happened that made their old ways of agriculture less productive.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **How do you think the invention of the wheel helped Mesopotamians? Give 2 reasons.**   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   **How did the invention of writing change life for Mesopotamians?**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |