

TOPIC 9: MESOPOTAMIA AND ANCIENT EGYPT



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Vocabulary

A

- artisans: artesanos
- afterlife: vida eterna

B

- between: entre
- better: mejor

C

- craftsmen: artesanos
- crops: cosechas

D

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E

- easy: fácil
- easier: más fácil

F

- farm: labrar, cultivar
- farmer: agricultor
- fertile: fértil

G

- gods: dioses

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I

- is found: se encuentra

J

- jewellery: joyería

K

- King: rey

L

- land: tierra

M

- merchant: comerciante

N

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O

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P

- precious stone: piedras preciosas
- priests: sacerdotes

Q

- queen: reina

R

- rights: derechos

S

- slaves: esclavos
- society: sociedad
- scribes: escriba

T

- tombs: tumbas
- traders: comerciante

V

W

- was (fue, era, estaba)
- were (fueron, eran, estaban)
- wheels: ruedas

PAST SIMPLE OF REGULAR VERBS

Introduce → introduced

Live → lived

Believe → believed

Control → controlled

Use → used

Invent → invented

Farm → farmed

PAST SIMPLE OF IRREGULAR VERBS

Be → was/were

Go → went

Make → made

Build → built

PICTIONARY: MESOPOTAMIA



Activity one. How many geographical features are there on the map? What are their names? Define the geographical features.

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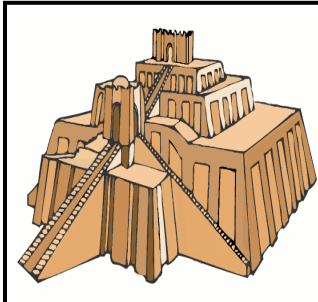
VOCABULARY



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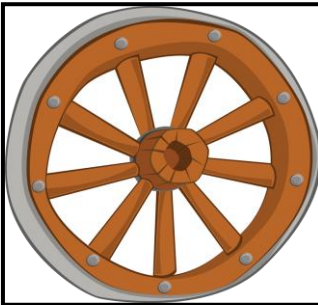
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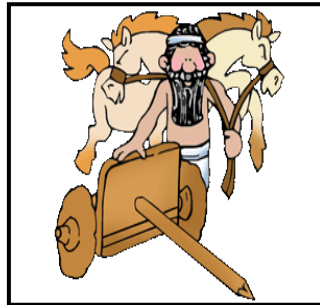
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farmer



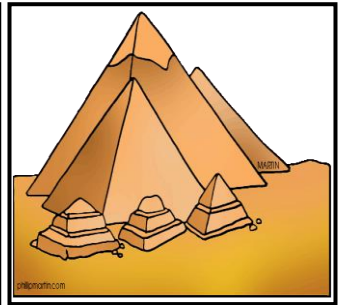
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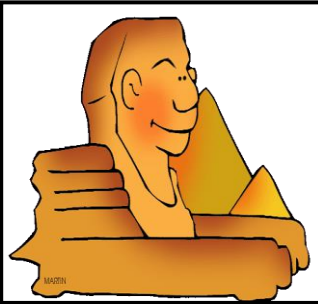
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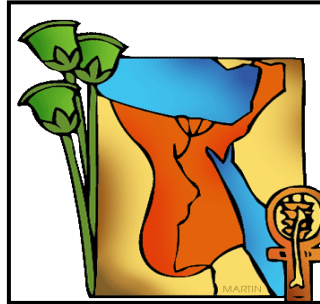
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pyramid



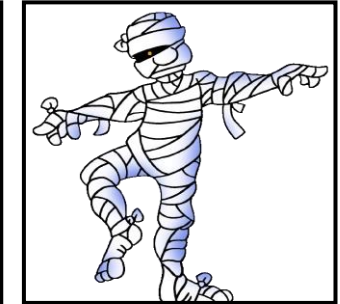
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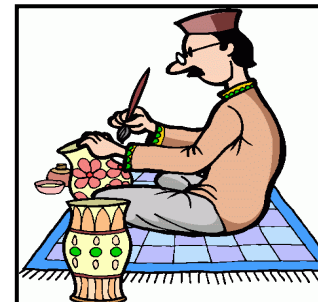
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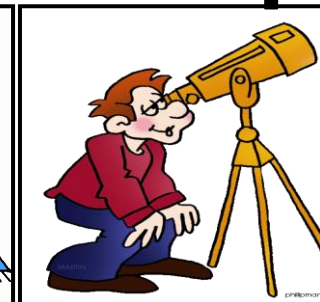
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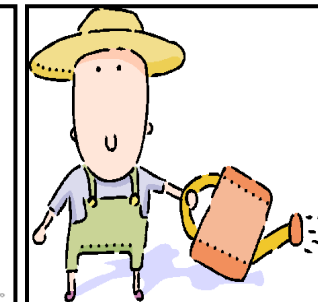
mummy



artisan



astronomer



farmer



Ra

1.- MESOPOTAMIA

The origin of civilization is found in Mesopotamia. It refers to the land between two rivers, Tigris river and Euphrates river. People **lived** near these rivers because transportation and agricultural conditions **were** better and easier. They **introduced** the irrigation system



1.1.- ANCIENT CULTURES IN MESOPOTAMIA

There are three main cultures in ancient Mesopotamia:

- 1.- Sumerians. They **lived** in Southern Mesopotamia between 4000 BC -100 AD.
- 2.- Assyrians. They **lived** in Northern Mesopotamia between 2000 BC- 300 BC.
- 3.- Babylonians. They **lived** in Western Mesopotamia between 1900 BC- 700 AD.

1.2- SUMERIANS

They **were** farmers, artisans, merchants or traders. They **made** jewellery from silver, gold and precious stones. They **made** wine cups and musical instruments.

They **went** to war to gain glory and control more territory. They **built** walls to protect themselves from enemies.

The Sumerians **believed** in many gods and they **built** a big temple called Ziggurat. They thought that gods **controlled** every aspect of nature and everyday life.

They **were** expert mathematicians and astronomers. They **invented** the calendar, divided an hour into 60 minutes and created a complex legal system. They also used wheels on carts. But their most important invention **was** writing



1.3- WHY WAS MESOPOTAMIA IMPORTANT?

In the Stone Age, people **were** nomads. Now, people **lived** in agricultural communities. They **used** irrigation to cultivate crops.

Activity two. Write these places on the map.

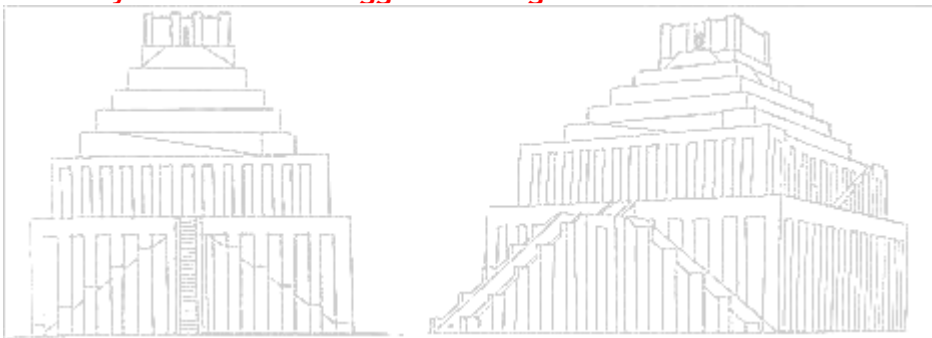


Red Sea
Caspian Sea
Persian Gulf
Mediterranean
Sea
Tigris
Euphrates

Activity three. Complete the sentences and answer these questions:

- 1.-What is the meaning of Mesopotamia?
- 2.-People lived near rivers because
- 3.-How many ancient cultures are there in Mesopotamia. What are their names?
- 4.-What were the professions of Sumerians?.....
- 5.- What was a Ziggurat?.....
- 6.- Why were they good astronomers and mathematicians ?

Activity four: draw a ziggurat and give a short definition about it.



By ziggurat we understand

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2.- ANCIENT EGYPT

2.1- Origin

The origin of Egypt is found in the river Nile. There, people **lived**, **farmed** and **planted** crops because the lands **were** very fertile. This ancient civilization **lasted** around 3000 years.

2.2-The Pharaoh

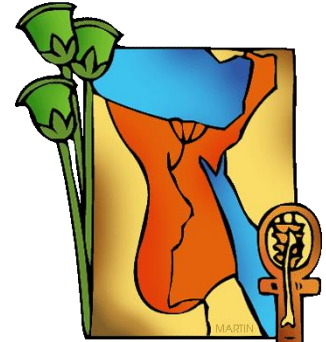
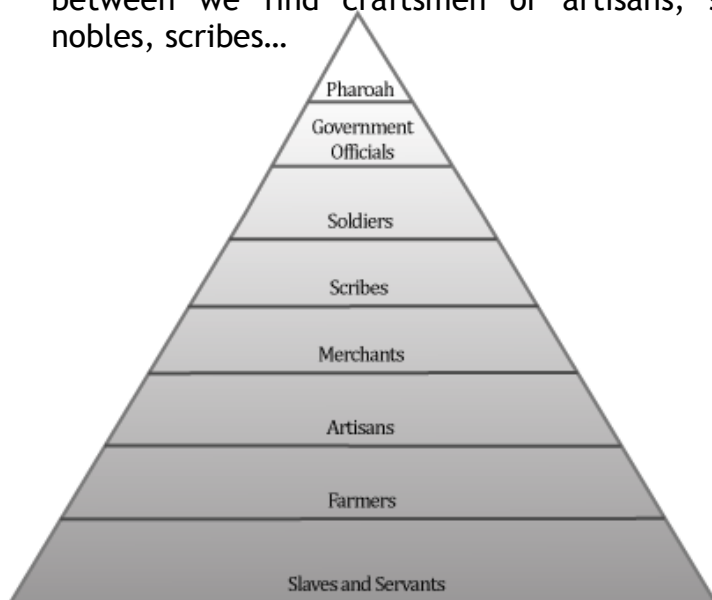
The **pharaoh** **was** the most important person in ancient Egypt. He was the political and religious leader. Tutankamun is the most famous Egyptian pharaoh today.

2.3.- Contributions

They **built** pyramids and temples. They **created** a system of mathematics and **hieroglyphics**, an effective system of medicine, irrigation systems and agricultural production techniques.

2.4.- Society

Society **was** hierarchical. It **was** **divided** in different groups and they **had** different rights and privileges. The pharaoh was at the top while farmers and slaves **were** at the bottom. In between we find craftsmen or artisans, soldiers, priests, nobles, scribes...



Nile map



Who am I?

Activity five: Have a look at the social pyramid in ancient Egypt and complete the sentences:

At the top of the pyramid, we can find

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In, we can find

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....., we can find

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Ancient Egyptians **believed** in the afterlife. When they **died**, they **preserved** the human body by a method **called** mummification.

Ancient Egyptians **were** good architects. They **built** Pyramids. These pyramids **were** tombs for kings and queens. The most important ones are found in Guiza. They **were made up of** stone and **had** labyrinths in them.

2.5 Gods in Ancient Egypt

Egyptians **had** many gods with different forms, usually as animals. Anubi, Isis, Osiris, Horus was the god of the sky. Ra is the sun god.



Anubi



Isis



Osiris



Horus



Ra

Activity six: TRUE or FALSE? Correct the false statements.

1.- The origin of Egypt is found on the fertile lands near the river Nile.

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2.- The soldier was the most important religious leader.

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3.- Sumerians invented hieroglyphics.

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4.- Craftsmen had many rights and privileges.

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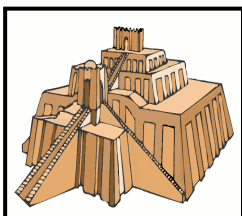
5.- Mummification was a process to preserve the body of a dead person.

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Unscramble and find SOME of the words



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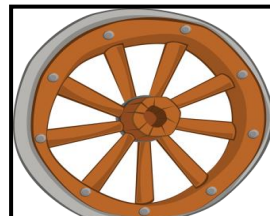
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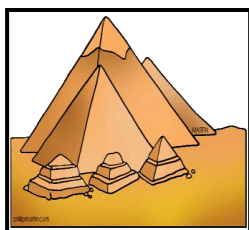
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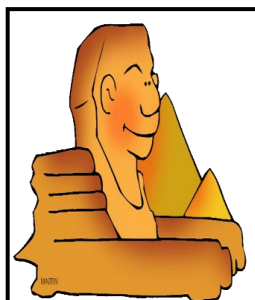
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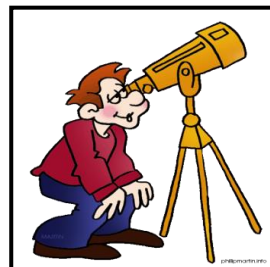


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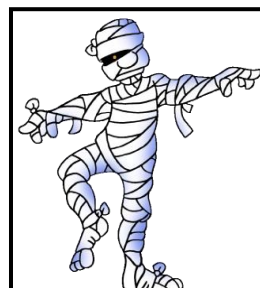


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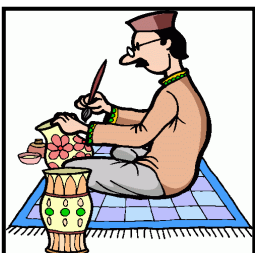
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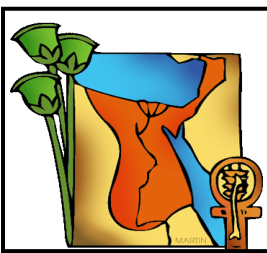
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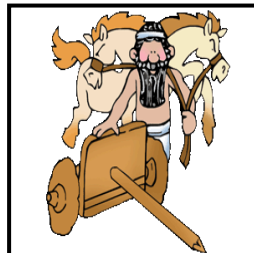
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