

World History 12/10/09

Thursday 12/10/09

Make a brainstorm list of the progress in your community. What are the pros and cons of progress?

Activities

1. Watch section spotlight video
2. Look at the map on page 27. In which modern nation is Babylon located? Tyre? Jerusalem
3. According to the poem when did the rivers become a menace rather than a source of life-giving water?
4. How were city-states important in the development of government in Mesopotamia?
5. Why did Sumerians build walls around their cities?
6. What does the position and function of the ziggurat tell us about the relationship of religion to the city-states
7. What does this quotation suggest about the authority of the king in Sumerian society?
8. What was the primary occupation of the Sumerians
9. Coffee table books that answers the question What debt does modern society owe to the early civilization of western Asia and Egypt?
Bold graphics, facts, government, economy, religion, achievements and people.
Each chapter of your book needs a foldout illustration for the Mesopotamia section it should be a colorfully illustrated, labeled map of the area
10. Read pages 34 – 43

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Warm-up: What is the importance of writing in the development of civilization

Activities:

1. How were the scribes different than the rest of the population and why did they receive important government positions?
2. The Epic of Gilgamesh has been reconstructed from 12 tablets found at Nineveh. Gilgamesh and Enkidu battle enemies, such as the guardian of a cedar forest and the divine bull. After Enkidu's death, Gilgamesh seeks out the survivors of the Babylonian flood, who have the secret of eternal life. How do epics reveal the values and belief system of the society from which they originate
3. What words might be used to describe the Sumerian civilization between 3000 BCE and 2,500 BCE
4. Why was the Code of Hammurabi carved on a stela?
5. Research Hammarabi's code in groups and present how that code affects the world today and how it is applied.
6. Work on coffee table books. For the Egyptian section your foldout should be a picture of how a mummy is processed.
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