

Aim: How did the innovations of the early river valley civilizations affect their inhabitants and later periods in history?

Homework: p. 20 in paragraph form

Objective:

How did the innovations of the early river valley civilizations affect their inhabitants and later periods in history?

- Describe the innovations of early river valley civilizations
- Explain how these innovations impacted inhabitants and later periods in history



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Introduction

A **civilization** is a complex society in which a large number of people live. The first civilizations which emerged after the Neolithic Revolution between 5500 and 2000 BCE were **Mesopotamia**, **Ancient Egypt**, **Shang China**, and the **Indus River Valley Civilization**. These first civilizations began in cities. These cities were larger, more populated, and more complex than Neolithic villages.

In the space below, identify as many characteristics of civilizations as you can recall.

- Social hierarchy
- job specialization
- Technology
- Religion
- Government
- Cities
- Writing systems/ Language





Innovations and Contributions of Early River Valley Civilizations




In this activity, you will learn about various ways that early river civilizations affected their inhabitants and set the stage for later developments.



Connect Cause and Effect

→ Directions: Complete the chart below using the [gallery walk posters](#).

Effect

	Description	Name of Civilization	Impact
<p>Cuneiform</p>  <p><small>Image courtesy of Wikimedia and is in the public domain</small></p>	<p>- Writing system - 3,000 BCE - Made in clay tablet - Carved w/ wedge shapes</p>	<p>Mesopotamia Egypt China Indus Valley</p>	<p>- beginning of a writing system - wrote down laws</p>
<p>Mohenjo-Daro, Indus River Valley Civilization</p>  <p><small>Mohenjo-daro.jpg by Saqib Qayyum is published under the CC BY-SA 3.0 Unported license</small></p>		<p>Mesopotamia Egypt China Indus Valley</p>	

<p>Social Class Hierarchy in Ancient Egypt</p>  <p><small>Citation 2</small></p>		<p>Mesopotamia</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>China</p> <p>Indus Valley</p>	
<p>Egyptian Book of the Dead</p>  <p><small>Image courtesy of Wikimedia and is in the public domain</small></p>		<p>Mesopotamia</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>China</p> <p>Indus Valley</p>	
<p>Code of Hammurabi</p>  <p><small>Citation 1</small> <small>Citation 2</small></p> <p>Top Quarter / Fingernail Lower Portion / Inscription</p>		<p>Mesopotamia</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>China</p> <p>Indus Valley</p>	

<p>Egyptian Shaduf</p>  <p>Source: James Barter, The Nile, Lucent Books from the NYS Global History and Geography Regents Exam, January 2014.</p>		<p>Mesopotamia</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>China</p> <p>Indus Valley</p>	
<p>Oracle Bones- Shang China</p>  <p>Shang dynasty inscribed scapula.jpg by BabelStone is published under the CC BY-SA 3.0 Unported license</p>		<p>Mesopotamia</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>China</p> <p>Indus Valley</p>	

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SQ 16: How did the innovations of the early river valley civilizations affect their inhabitants and later periods in history?

→ **Directions:** Based on what you have learned, complete the task below.



Part I

Describe the innovations of early river valley civilizations. **Explain** how *one* innovation impacted inhabitants and later periods in history.

**Connect Cause
and Effect**