

## 2.2: Characteristics of a Civilization

### Learning Target & Success Criteria:

I can define \_\_\_\_\_ and identify and describe the \_\_\_\_\_ of what makes a civilization by completing my interactive notes and scoring an 80% or higher on my mastery check.

### Characteristics of Civilizations:

- Advanced \_\_\_\_\_
- Specialized \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ institutions
- \_\_\_\_\_ keeping and writing
- Advanced \_\_\_\_\_



## Advanced Cities

- More than just a collection of \_\_\_\_\_ living together like early humans living in clans
- Cities can be small or large, some housed up to 20,000 people
- Included different types of houses, \_\_\_\_\_ systems to water crops, large walls to protect the city, and water access for \_\_\_\_\_ between cities
- Centers of economic, \_\_\_\_\_, and social activity as well as schools, \_\_\_\_\_ temples, and libraries
- Advanced architecture with \_\_\_\_\_, markets, monument structures, and urban planning to support large \_\_\_\_\_
- Mesopotamia, or city-states that developed in the \_\_\_\_\_ between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, are the earliest examples of advanced cities

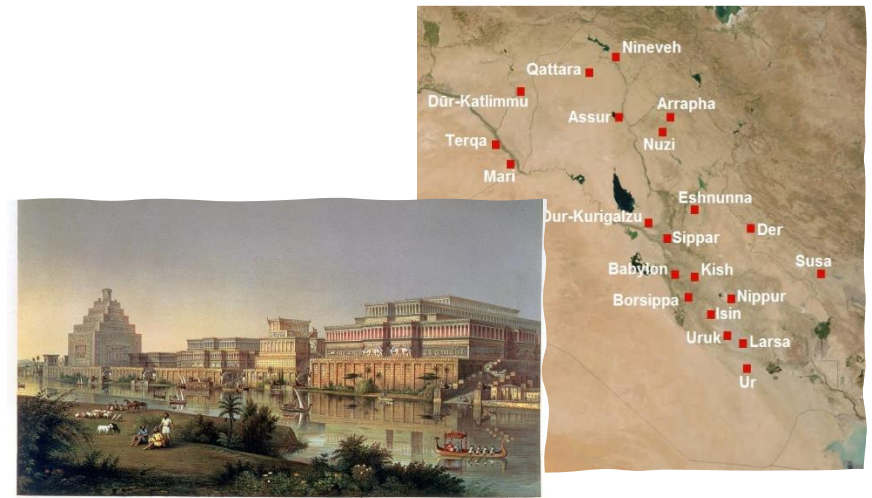
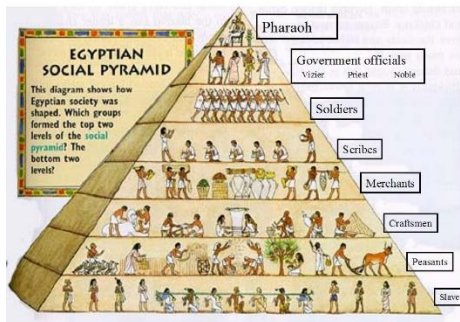


Plate 1. The Euphrates National Museum  
 from the University of Chicago

### Specialized Workers

- More \_\_\_\_\_ allowed people to specialize in \_\_\_\_\_ outside of agriculture (not just \_\_\_\_\_ and gatherers)
- Jobs included \_\_\_\_\_ (making things with their hands like art), traders (trading goods with others and spreading \_\_\_\_\_), soldiers (fight to protect and expand the civilization), scientists, and \_\_\_\_\_ (building things)
- Sometimes people could \_\_\_\_\_ on their work, sometimes they were forced to do certain jobs by the leader



- These systems organized, \_\_\_\_\_, and helped civilizations to \_\_\_\_\_
- Includes elements such as law codes (Hammurabi's Code is the most famous) and \_\_\_\_\_ systems, religion, \_\_\_\_\_ systems, organized army,



economic systems

### Record Keeping & Writing

- Each civilization developed a system of writing which allowed for a transfer of \_\_\_\_\_ across generations
- Rulers recorded \_\_\_\_\_ (like Hammurabi's Code)
- \_\_\_\_\_ wrote rituals to follow
- Merchants recorded \_\_\_\_\_
- Later, people used their writing system to record thoughts, \_\_\_\_\_, literature, correspondence between other people



### Advanced Technology

- Developing new ways of working different types of \_\_\_\_\_ which gives us the names of the time periods like "Stone Age" and "\_\_\_\_\_ Age"
- Development of new \_\_\_\_\_ to make work easier, faster, or more efficient such as controlling fire to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wheel
- Development of \_\_\_\_\_ and sundials to make life more orderly and understand time
- Examples include the creation of sculptures, \_\_\_\_\_, temples, woven fabric to make \_\_\_\_\_, and crop rotation calendars to keep soil fertile

