**River Valley Civilization Notes**

Neolithic Revolution

* + Prehistoric people began to develop crops that they could farm
    - No longer had to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_--people who wander from place to place with no permanent settlement
  + They also domesticated animals (it is thought the first animals were dogs)
  + Farmers kept advancing their technology
  + Irrigation systems
  + This lead to a of food
  + This lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ populations
  + Villages became larger and we began to see the first cities
* As cities grew and drew more people from different places the culture and practices of these locations began to spread to other locations. –

**Early Civilizations**

* **Mesopotamia**
  + - Sprang up around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East
    - Rich fertile farmland between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
    - Mesopotamia = “land between 2 rivers”
  + Sumerians
    - Had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_--city with the surrounding land that the government controlled
    - Built large temples called and religion was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Established \_\_\_\_\_\_ , the world’s first form of writing
  + Babylonians
    - King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ united all of Mesopotamia
    - Created the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Phoenicians
    - Trading empire
    - First \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_--modern English alphabet based on it
  + Persians
    - Located in present day Iran, greatest legacy in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Cyrus the Great– Defeated the Medes and united Persia
    - * Established a permanent army (Ten thousand Immortals) Tried to conquer Greece but failed
      * Responsible for building new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and introducing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Religion called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-belief in dualism, struggle of good and evil
* **Nile River Civilizations**
  + Geography
    - Most major cities arose along the Nile
    - The biggest cities were established in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Vocab
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (god-kings) built \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as burial tombs
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = Process of preserving body in cloth strips and minerals
    - Polytheistic, ruled as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where government is run by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Egyptian culture
    - Society was very divided in their social status but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had many rights
    - Writing
      * (the use of symbols to represent words or phrases)
      * Invented writing on paper
      * The Stone
        + Lead us to understand Egyptian hieroglyphs through a translation in Greek
* **Indus River Valley**
  + Background Information
    - People of Indus River developed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Earliest Aryan settlers did not live in cities (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) & had no writing system; spoke early form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (language that is still around today in India)
    - Passed on traditions through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—thousands of oral scriptures & poems that tell of the history & religion of Aryans
  + Religion
    - Major religion = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ later breaks off of Hinduism
  + Social Structure
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—complicated set of divisions of people within Indian society; higher castes were “purer” than lower castes
    - Did not marry outside of caste; did not share food with lower caste
    - Each group had own occupation & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (duty within caste)
    - *“Better to do one’s own duty badly than do another’s duty well”*
* **China**
  + Background Information
    - Started around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rivers
    - Believed in ancestor worship
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = Periods of rulers from the same family
    - Major Philosophies
      * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = People should show love and respect to each other
      * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = People should follow the laws of nature
    - Began at least 1,000 years later than other 3 river valleys, but is only one to survive today
    - Chinese referred to themselves as “Middle Kingdom”—believed everything outside China was barbarian
  + Dynastic Cycles
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—rulers of China got approval to rule from God & ruled as families called dynasties
    - Heaven = a power that controlled human destiny.
    - As long as the king governed his people well, Heaven gave him the right to rule, when the King lost support of the heavens people had the right to overthrow him
  + Ch’in Dynasty (221-202 BCE)
    - Ch’in Shih Huangdi challenged the Chou (lost mandate of heaven); won & began the Ch’in Dynasty & became the 1st “emperor” (greater than king)
    - After years of chaos, Ch’in executed opponents & other abuses to keep order
    - Chi’in Legacy
      * Built \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep out barbarians; created network of roads & canals
      * Common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      * Expanded China into an empire