**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