

Ancient River Valley's

Mesopotamia

3200 BC - 539 BC

Now located in Iraq and Syria

A. Tigris & Euphrates
B. Mesopotamia
C. Fertile Crescent

Significant Events:

- The flooding of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers - they left behind silt which was important because it enriched the soil making it good for farming.
- Sumer conquered Sumer - this is an important event because it led to Sumer creating the first empire - first in history.

Significance:
- The people of Sumer first invented writing
- Sumer was the first to invent the wheel
- Sumer was the first to invent the plow
- Sumer was the first to invent the sailboat

Wheat:
- The people of Sumer first invented wheat
- Sumer was the first to invent the plow
- Sumer was the first to invent the sailboat

Cuneiform:
- Sumerian writing

Other:
- Hammurabi
- Darius

2700 BC - Ancient Egypt - 1100 BC

Significant Events:
- Nile stopped rising regularly
- Upper and lower Egypt were united

Hotshesut
first female pharaoh

Q&A
What form of writing did ancient Egyptians use? Hieroglyphs
Why was the Nile flooding celebrated?
It deposited silt to the crops.

Amunetion
worshipped a snake god, Amen

Mummification
process of preserving a body with chemicals after death

Pharaohs
ruler of ancient Egypt

Pharaohs
development of a new form of writing

In ancient Egypt most things were created by their gods. The pharaoh was considered to be a god and they often prayed to the gods. Ancient Egypt is broken up into three main parts: old, Middle, and New Kingdom. Women had more rights than in most places of this time.

India

3000 BC - 500 BC

Brahman
Worship variety of gods

Buddhism
The first Buddhist was Siddhartha Gautama

Hinduism
The earliest in Sanskrit and Vedic

Other:
- Darius

CHINA

1600 BCE - 551 CE

Confucius
A Chinese philosopher who lived in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period.

Qin Shi Huangdi
The first emperor of China who unified the country in 221 BCE.

Other:
- Darius