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STUDY GUIDE

CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2

The Fertile Crescent

Sumer, Akkad, and Babylonia were three of the ancient civilizations that flourished in the fertile strip of land called Mesopotamia.

As you read Section 1, answer the following questions.

1. List three reasons people why migrated to the Fertile Crescent about 5000 B.C.?

2. Why did many of these people settle in Mesopotamia?

3. What problem did the settlers encounter in their new home? How did they solve it?

4. Which innovations of the Sumerians support the claim that "history begins at Sumer"?

5. How are a Sumerian ziggurat and an Egyptian pyramid similar?

6. Describe the roles of men and women in Sumerian civilization.

7. Why was the development of cuneiform important to Sumerian civilization?

8. Briefly explain the religious beliefs of the people of Sumer.

9. Why is Sargon I a significant person in world history?

10. List the accomplishments of Hammurabi.