1. What are some common characteristics of civilization?

2. What does Mesopotamia mean?

3. Which two rivers form the foundation of the Mesopotamian civilization?

4. How did the environment of Mesopotamia impact the culture?

5. Ancient Sumer was a theocracy, meaning that the government and religion were closely aligned. Were they polytheistic or monotheistic?

6. Discuss the social stratification of Ancient Sumer.

7. How does the Epic of Gilgamesh describe the afterlife? Why do you think that is?

8. Who founded the first empire in Mesopotamia?

9. How would you describe Hammurabi’s Law Code? How does it compare with contemporary law codes?

10. The Assyrians are most remembered for ________________ and _______________.

11. How did the Israelites differ from the Sumerians?

12. Solomon’s temple ruins today is ________________ and is known for ________________.

13. How does Egypt’s geography differ from Mesopotamia?
14. What are some continuities between the Old Kingdom, Middle Kingdom, and New Kingdom?

15. Generally, when were pyramids built? For what purpose?

16. How did the emergence of the Book of the Dead demonstrate a change in Egyptian history?

17. The Amarna period is yet another major change in Egyptian history, why?

18. Where is Nubia?

19. Why has Nubia been in the shadows of Egypt?