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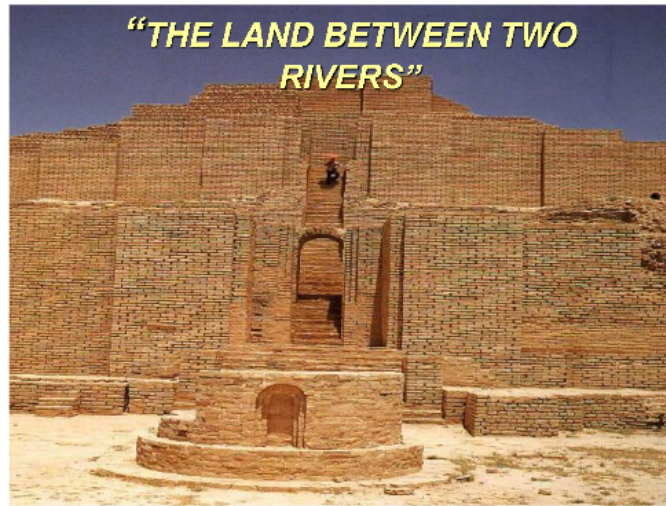
Why did they settle in river valleys?

- For Protection against their enemies.
- For soil/silt, for agriculture.
- To have a water source

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Mesopotamia

"Land between the rivers"



Geography

- Sits between the **Tigris** and **Euphrates** rivers.
- Mesopotamia is beside **The Fertile Crescent**.
- Mesopotamia is now present day Middle East. (Iraq)



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Religion

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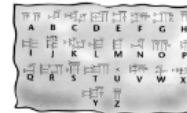


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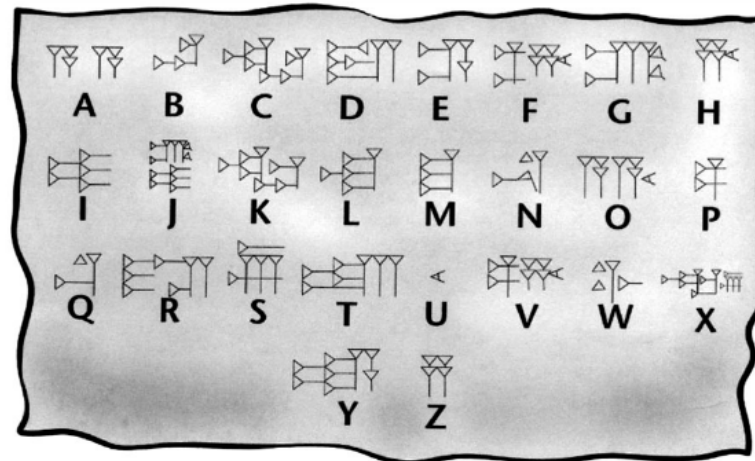
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Mesopotamia's Government wasn't strong until Hammurabi came. Hammurabi was the first person to make laws in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia would have city-states, only the smaller ones would have war to get supremacy.

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Egypt



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Geography

- Egypt is right beside **The Nile River**.
- They used the **Nile River** as their main water source. Because the river was near, they had fertile land. And because of the fertile land, they could easily farm.
- **The Sahara Desert** was protection from their enemies. If their enemies tried to go across the Sahara, it would take awhile.
- **The Nile River** flows south to north.
- **Lower Egypt**: Its north, at The Delta Region.
- **Upper Egypt**: Its south. From first cataract to Delta.
- **Egypt** flooded more predictably than Mesopotamia.



Religion

- The religion of Egypt is **Polytheism**.
- **Polytheism** is the belief of more than one god.
- A few gods they believed in:
 - Ra (**sun**)
 - Horus (**light**)
 - Isis (**mother**)
 - Osiris (**the underworld**)



Government

- **Pharaohs** ruled Egypt.
- Government was controlled by religion. That is called a **Theocracy**.
- When the pharaohs died, their eternal spirit took part in the government.



This is King Tut. He was a **pharaoh**.

Writing System

- In ancient Egypt they used **hieroglyphics**.
- Hieroglyphics were pictures that stood for ideas or sounds.
- They wrote on **papyrus**.

A	H	N	U
B	I	O	V
C	J	P	W
D	K	Q	X
E	R	Y	
F	L	S	Z
G	M	T	SH

