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**City-States in Mesopotamia**

*Use the reading to answer the following questions:*

1. What allowed **villages** to grow near the Tigris and Euphrates rivers?

2. What **three problems** did Sumerians face in the Fertile Crescent?



3. How did the Sumerians solve these problems?



4. What **three things were required** for these activities to be successful?

5. Why did the Sumerians need **written laws**?

6. What is a **City-State**?

7. Why were **priests so powerful** in ancient Mesopotamia?

8. Who would **command the city in time of war**? How did these military leaders eventually become the political leaders of city-states?

9. How are **Sumerian gods** similar to humans?

10. How did the Sumerians try to **please the gods**?

11. What did Sumerians believe happened to them when they **died**?

12. Describe the use of at least three specific Sumerian innovations in Science and Technology:

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