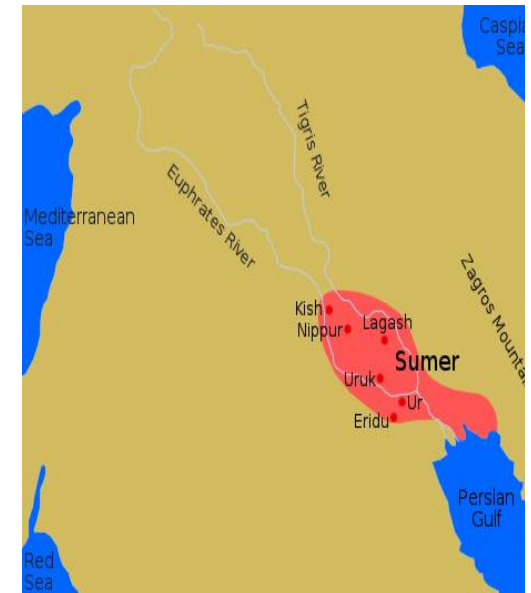


Vocabulary	Definitions
Ancient	Very old.
Civilisation	A group of people with their own languages and way of life.
BC	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. Stands for before Christ.
AD	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. Stands for Anno Domini.
BCE	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. Stands for before common era.
CE	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. Stands for common era.
Society	All the groups of people that share the same laws, rights and resources.
Artefacts	An object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest.
Fertile Crescent	A semi-circular area of land where the first ancient civilisations began.

Where was the Ancient Egypt Civilisation?


Enquiry Question: What do all Ancient Civilisations have in common?

Where was the Ancient Sumer Civilisation?

Key Knowledge

A civilisation is a developed society. Civilisations have common features, including cities, inventions, language, writing, hierarchy, leadership, infrastructure arts and culture, trade and religion. Ancient civilisations first appeared over 6000 years ago in, or near, a semi-circular area of land in the middle east known as the Fertile Crescent. The climate, availability of water and variety of plants meant that people could settle in one place.

The Ancient Sumer civilisation began in 4500BC and ended in 2000BC. The Ancient Sumer civilisation is the earliest known civilisation in the historical region of Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia was the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, now mostly in modern-day Iraq. The name is Greek for 'between rivers'. Being near a river was very important as it provided water for drinking and fertile soil for crops.

The Ancient Egypt Civilisation began in 3100BC and ended in 322BC. It began on the banks of the River Nile, in the Fertile Crescent. Egypt was initially split into Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt in the North. It became one kingdom in 3150BC.

The Indus Valley Civilisation started in 2600BC and ended in 1300BC. The Indus Valley civilisation developed next to the Indus River in modern day Pakistan and North-West India. Historians know much less about the Indus Valley Civilisation due to a lack of evidence.

The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China began in 1600BC and ended in 1050BC. The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China developed in North China, along the Yellow River valley.

Key Skills

Place the time studied on a time line.

Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time.

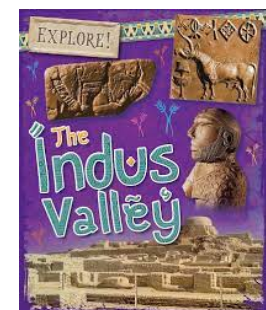
Understand why people may have wanted to do something.

Begin to use the library and internet for research.

Select and record information relevant to the study.

Communicate their knowledge in a variety of different ways.

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