**Crash Course: Mesopotamia**

* Mesopotamia helped create: writing and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Between the Tigris and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rivers
* Farmers contributed their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to uniform storehouses where workers would be paid their “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in grain
* Living in Mesopotamia meant you could be something other than a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Led to enduring conflict between country and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Epic of Gilgamesh- great work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- in showdown between Enkidu (country) and Gilgamesh (city), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Gilgamesh) wins
* Uruk
	+ Gilgamesh’s hometown
	+ Walled city with an extensive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system and monumental temples called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Tigris and Euphrates
	+ A lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ labor was needed to make irrigation possible
	+ Difficult to navigate and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unpredictably and violently
		- Region yo-yo-ed between devastating flood and horrible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Shift in social order and well-being of people: responsibility changing from gods to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Priests were overtaken by kings who declared themselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through “sacred marriage”
* Gave us writing: called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- record transactions
	+ Importance of writing:
		- 1. Create a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ distinction
		- 2. Actual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of guesswork and archaeology
		- 3. Writing = John Green’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* City-state period ended around 2,000 B.C.E.- pastoral nomads came in and conquered the cities
	+ Nomads- private enterprise- they could produce as much as they want as long as they gave a portion (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) to the government- important to creating stable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ orders
* Hammurabi- most famous of the early monarchs
	+ Ruled new kingdom of Babylon, 1792 BCE to 1750 BCE
	+ Main claim to fame: famous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ code- everything from wages to punishments- very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Introduced presumption of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Hammurabi represented himself as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and father- authority for the protection of the social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Problem with territorial kingdoms: relied on poorest people to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, provide labor and serve in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- made them not like their king very much
* Assyrians
	+ Reputation for being the brutal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Mesopotamia
	+ First example of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Brutal, terrifying and efficient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ocracy- based on how good they were at their jobs
	+ Ashur, through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, kept the world going and as long as conquest continued the world would not end
		- Spread this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ view with propaganda like architecture, readings about the power of the king- all to inspire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in subjects
	+ 612 BCE- city of Nineveh was conquered and Assyrian empire met its end