**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