

### Themes From Readings

<b>The Early Complex Societies, 3500-500 BCE</b>	<b>Mesopotamia: "The Land Between the Rivers"</b>	<b>Ancient Isreal</b>
Agricultural Revolution	Basic Geography/Fertile Crescent	Ethical Monotheism
Catal Huyuk	Sumer, city-states	<b>Phoenicia</b>
Societies, States Complex Societies	Patriarchy	The Old Testament
Pastoral Nomadism	Akkad	The Unification of Egypt
Indo-Europeans	Babylon	Egyptian Polytheism
	Chaldea ("New Babylon")	
	Hammurabi's Code	
	Assyria	
	The Epic of Gilgamesh	

### Bucket/Themes

**Geography/Environmental factors** (e.g., influences on the rise, development, weakening, and fall of society)

**Religion and faith** (e.g., how did religion shape society and even influence events)

**Political development and structure** (e.g., how power was acquired and held, succession of power, power roles and relationships)

**Economic systems** (e.g., what was produced, traded, and/or sold, how was this done, who benefited/who was harmed, role of government in the economy)

**Social structures** (e.g., who played what roles, nature of hierarchy)

**Cultural development and diffusion** (e.g., traditions and rituals, arts, philosophy, literature; influences between and among societies)

### Ancient Civs. Around Fertile Crescent



### Definitions

**Pastoral Nomadism**  
form of agriculture based on herding domesticated animals. This was the major opposition to farm based agriculture

#### Sumer

an area in southern Mesopotamia, where cities first appeared. Also credited for cuneiform and other scientific breakthroughs like wheels and etc.

#### City-States

an early city that was like a small, independent country with its own laws and government. Each would have it's own king and unique government and set of laws.

#### Patriarchy

A society dominated by men. Very typical in all ancient societies.

#### The Epic of Gilgamesh

Mesopotamian narrative poem that was first told in Sumer. HEAVY influence on the bible and longest lasting famous tale.

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