

# MESOPOTAMIA & ANCIENT EGYPT

## MESOPOTAMIA

1. What does *Mesopotamia* mean?
2. Mesopotamia was between which **two rivers**?
3. Why are rivers important for civilizations?
4. Name **three** of Mesopotamia's civilizations?
5. Name at least one famous Mesopotamian **king**?
6. What was the name of Mesopotamian **writing**?
7. What was the **first use** for writing?
8. Name **two** other ancient civilizations, often referred to as '*river civilizations*', apart from Mesopotamia
9. **Kings** in these civilizations did three things: led the a\_\_\_\_\_, made the L\_\_\_\_\_ and was the r\_\_\_\_\_ leader.
10. Which was the **biggest city** in the world 5,000 years ago?
11. Which was the **first city** in the world?
12. What was the **first building** constructed in the world's first city?
13. Were there slaves in the world's first civilization?
14. The Mesopotamians were *polytheistic*? What does this mean?
15. What was **Hammurabi's Code**?
16. Name **one law** from Hammurabi's Code?
17. Why is **Eridu** famous in world history?
18. Who or what was **Gilgamesh**?
19. What was the name for a **temple** in Mesopotamia?
20. Name one famous **story** from Mesopotamia?
21. Which Mesopotamian **empire** ruled the largest territory?
22. Which civilization conquered Mesopotamia in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC and thus ended Mesopotamian civilization?

23. In architecture the Mesopotamians **invented** which two things?  
v\_\_\_\_\_ and the a\_\_\_\_\_
24. What were **scribes**?
25. True or false: the scribes were the most important people in Mesopotamian society after the king.
26. Name one famous story from Mesopotamia that is also mentioned in the Old Testament of the Bible. **The E\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_**
27. What was the '**Fertile Crescent**' in Antiquity
28. What was **Antiquity**? Give the dates
29. **COMPARE** Mesopotamia with Ancient Egypt
30. **EXPLAIN** why life was hard in Mesopotamia
31. **EXPLAIN** why agriculture began in Mesopotamia
32. **EXPLAIN** what is meant by the Word '**civilisation**' and how was Mesopotamia '**civilised**'
33. **EXPLAIN** what you know about the **inventions** of Mesopotamia

## **ANCIENT EGYPT**

29. What does the word **Pharaoh** mean?
30. How did the ancient Egyptians call Egypt? K\_\_\_\_\_
31. Why did the ancient Egyptians refer to Egypt as the **Black Land**?
32. What was the name given to the '**paper**' invented by the ancient Egyptians?
33. Why was **Tutankhamun** important for the ancient Egyptians?
34. What **animals** represented **Upper** and **Lower** Egypt?
35. What did **Akhenaten** do during his reign that transformed Egypt?
36. What does **Kemet** mean?
37. What was the name of ancient Egyptian **writing**?
38. Were the ancient Egyptians **Polytheistic** or **Monotheistic**?

39. What is interesting about **Abu Simbel**?
40. Name the ancient Egyptian **god of the sun**
41. Name the **three Pyramids at Giza**
42. Why did they build the pyramids in the **shape** of a pyramid?
43. Name the three ancient Egyptian **kingdoms**
44. In which kingdom did they build the pyramids?
45. Why did they build the pyramids and tombs on the **western side** of the Nile?
47. Name one ancient Egyptian temple
48. Name one ancient Egyptian tomb that is not **Abu Simbel**
49. Ancient Egypt was divided into two distinct areas, which were they?
50. What desert is south of ancient Egypt? N\_\_\_\_\_
51. Who was the first **Pharaoh**?
52. Who was the last Pharaoh?
53. What does **Kemet** mean?
54. Name one female Pharaoh other than **Cleopatra**
55. Give the **dates** for ancient Egypt 3\_\_\_\_\_ to 3\_\_\_\_\_ BC
56. Which was the first pyramid? D\_\_\_\_\_ at Saqqara by **Imhoptep**
57. What Neolithic invention gave us **organized religion** in ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia?
58. Why did the ancient Egyptians worship **cats**?
59. What does **sarcophagus** mean?
60. True or False: **Slaves** built the pyramids
61. How **old** are the pyramids?
62. What was the capital of Lower Egypt? M\_\_\_\_\_
63. What was the capital of Upper Egypt? T\_\_\_\_\_
64. What did they use **hieroglyphics** for?
65. Name one other form of **script** used in Ancient Egypt

66. **EXPLAIN** the process of mummification
67. **EXPLAIN** why Tutankhamun was important
68. **EXPLAIN** the culture and achievements of ancient Egypt
69. **EXPLAIN** what you know about the pyramids
70. **EXPLAIN** why the Nile was so important for Egypt and how they used it
71. **EXPLAIN** what you know about the Rosetta Stone