

The Fertile Crescent- Study Guide

Matching

Name _____ Hr _____

Key Terms

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. caravan | f. monotheism |
| b. cuneiform | g. myth |
| c. empire | h. polytheism |
| d. exile | i. scribe |
| e. famine | |

- _____ 1. the belief in many gods
- _____ 2. a story that explains people's beliefs
- _____ 3. a time when people starve because there is so little food
- _____ 4. many territories and people who are controlled by one government
- _____ 5. the belief in one god

Key Terms

Fill in the blank by writing the letter of the correct term below.

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| a. alphabet | f. empire |
| b. caravan | g. exile |
| c. code | h. famine |
| d. covenant | i. myth |
| e. cuneiform | |

- _____ 6. In Mesopotamia, people eventually combined symbols into a script known as _____.
- _____ 7. A group of travelers journeying together is called a(n) _____.
- _____ 8. Symbols for writing that represent sounds are called a(n) _____.

Short Answer

Key Concepts

9. Why did civilizations developed in the Fertile Crescent?
10. Why did cities in Sumer remain politically independent?
11. Why was Babylon an important center of trade?
12. What happened in 612 B.C., when the Medes and Chaldeans joined forces?
13. Why was Hammurabi's Code significant?

14. What did the Phoenician alphabet make easier for people in the ancient world to do?
15. List the major events in the history of the Israelites.
16. What were the Israelites known for that made them unique among ancient peoples?
17. Where was Mesopotamia located?
18. What made Babylon a crossroads of trade?
19. What did the Persians spread through conquest and trade?
20. What was the first written set of laws?
21. Where did writing first develop?
22. What were the important advantages of the Phoenician alphabet?
23. How did the Phoenicians help spread civilization throughout the Mediterranean area?
24. What did the Babylonians and Israelites have in common?

Chap. 2 Essay Questions

Essay

Critical Thinking

1. **Expressing Problems Clearly** What were three important contributions made by the ancient peoples living in the Fertile Crescent and the Mediterranean? They can be inventions, ideas, etc., but they have to be important in some way for future generations. (5-6 sentences)
2. **Drawing Conclusions** How did the people of Mesopotamia benefit from the physical geography of their region? (3-4 sentences)