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**Ancient Civilizations for Children: Ancient Mesopotamia**

Answer each of the following questions using complete sentences.

1.) Archaeologists first excavated in Mesopotamia looking for clues to the Bible. What are some sites in the Bible that are set in Mesopotamia?

2.) How did the need for cooperation to control flooding and irrigate crops lead to the development of civilization in Sumer?

3.) How did Sir Leonard Woolley’s expedition discover the Sumerian city of Ur? What amazing treasures were found in the royal tombs of Ur?

4.) The use of irrigation by the early Sumerians improved farming conditions. How did this affect the people? What kinds of specialized jobs were created?

5.) What is a ziggurat?

6.) Why were clay and mud-brick important resources in Sumer? How were they used?

7.) Describe the lifestyle of each of the people in ancient Sumer. How does it resemble life in the Near East today?

8.) Name some of the numerous inventions created by the Sumerians.

9.) Describe the Sumerian method of writing called cuneiform.

10.) What was education like for Sumerian children?

11.) What are some reasons for the decline of Sumer?

12.) What characteristics of the ancient Assyrians made them notorious for creating fear and destruction?

13.) What lands did the Assyrian Empire conquer?

14.) Why does the discovery of the tomb at Nimrud give archaeologists a more balanced picture of the ancient Assyrians?

15.) Why was Babylon, built by King Nebuchadnezzar, considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?