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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?