

**Let's start by looking all the way
back to...**



Sumer's Geography

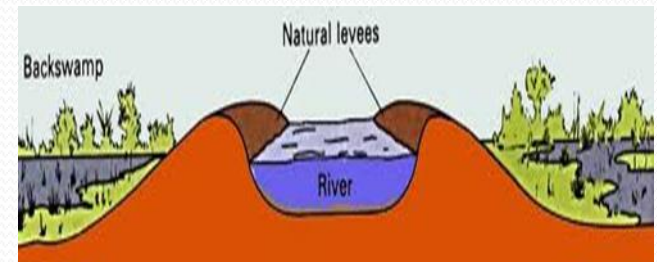
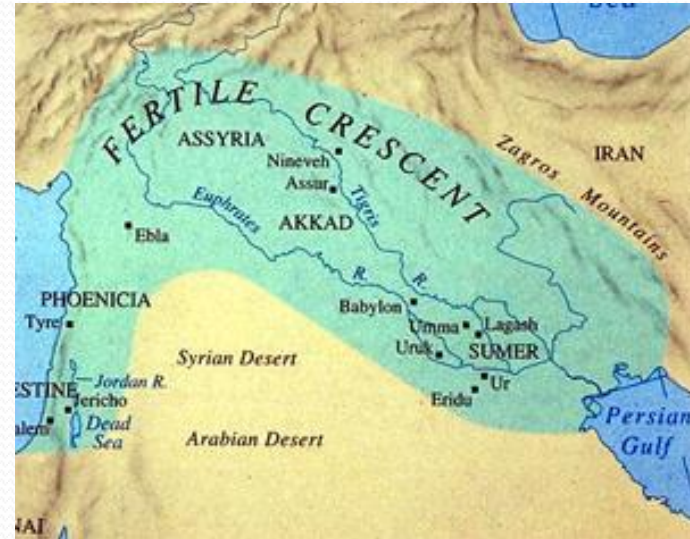
- Land known as Mesopotamia
 - The Fertile Crescent
- Sumer has 2 rivers
 - What are they called?



Shout it out!

The Tigris River & the Euphrates River

- Both empty into the Persian Gulf.



- Flooding controlled by levees
- Crops watered by canals.

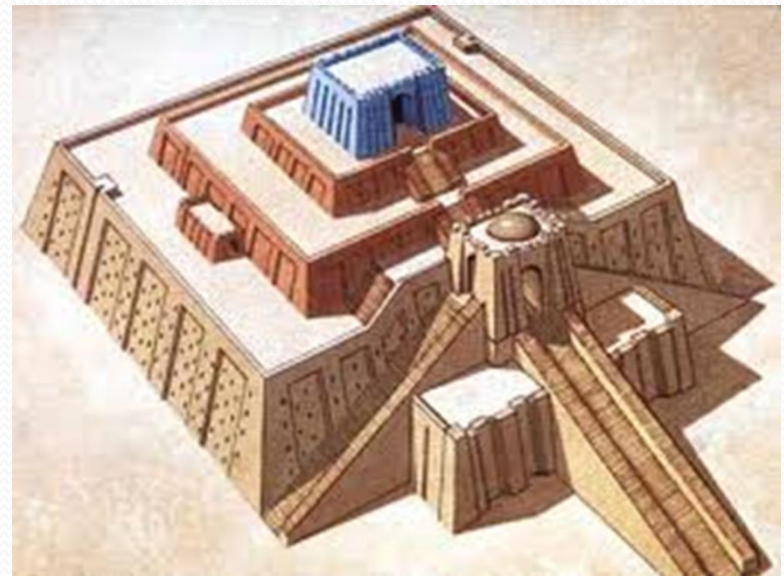
The Lives of the Sumerian People

- Raised wheat, barley
- Made pots, baskets, cloth, jewelry;
- Used barley as money, then silver;
- Governors and kings had wealth, most people didn't

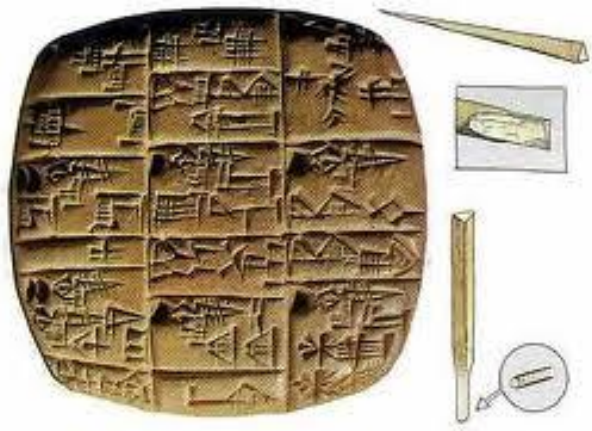


Sumerians' Lives Continued

- Worshipped many nature gods and goddesses (sun, moon, rain)
- People were slaves to the gods.
- Built Ziggurats as temples and homes to the gods?
 - only priests were allowed inside



Sumerians' Lives Continued



- Writing known as **Cuneiform**
 - scribes went to school
- Invented the wheel led to carts and wagons
- Invented sailboats that allowed trade and travel on rivers and seas.



Sumer's Government & Law

- City-states ruled by kings and governors
 - kings, governors, priests had power and so did scribes
- Written laws (Ex: Hammurabi had his Code)

Sumer's Society

- Kings
- Priest
- Scribes
- Most people were farmers

