

CHAPTER 3 | LESSON 3 Life in Sumer

Reteaching Activity**Reading Comprehension**

Complete the chart below by answering questions about each of the main ideas from Lesson 3.

Main Idea	Questions
<p>Sumerian society was divided into several classes with kings at the top and slaves at the bottom.</p>	<p>1. What were the social classes in Sumerian society, and who was in each one?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>2. What rights did slaves have in Sumerian society?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>3. What roles did women play in Sumerian society?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Sumerians invented tools and developed special knowledge to improve their lives.</p>	<p>4. What Sumerian inventions helped farmers?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>5. Why was bronze better than copper as a material to use in making tools?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>6. What contributions did Sumerians make to the field of mathematics?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Sumerians created a written language called cuneiform that was based on picture writing.</p>	<p>7. What need first led Sumerians to develop a form of writing?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>8. What kinds of symbols did Sumerians use to refer to specific objects, and what tool did they use to make these symbols?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>9. What wedge-shaped writing system did Sumerians develop?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>10. What is another name for people who became professional record keepers?</p> <p>_____</p>

CHAPTER 3 | LESSON 2 The First Civilization

Reteaching Activity**Reading Comprehension**

Select the name or term that best completes the sentence. Write the name or term in the blank.

advanced cities	dictators	polytheism
advanced technology	food surplus	record keeping
bronze	government	religion
city-state	kings	specialized workers
civilization	Mesopotamia	Sumer
complex institutions	monotheism	ziggurat

- As cities grew larger and society grew more complex, an advanced form of culture called _____ developed.
- The first civilization developed in _____, a region in southern _____.
- The five traits of civilizations are (a) _____, (b) _____, (c) _____, (d) _____, and (e) _____.
- Having a _____ allowed some people in a civilization to stop farming and to specialize in other types of work.
- Two examples of the complex institutions of the civilization at Sumer are _____ and _____.
- Sumerians learned to create new tools out of _____.
- A _____ was a community that included a city and its nearby farmlands.
- The most important building in a Sumerian city was the temple, which was called a _____.
- _____ is a belief in many gods and goddesses.
- New leaders in Sumer who eventually took full control of the city-states became known as _____.