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Geography and the Fertile Crescent
Chapter 3 - Section 1
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Vocabulary
Fertile Crescent: _____
silt:_____
irrigation:_____
canals: _____
surplus: _____
division of labor: _____
_____

I. Rivers Support the Growth of Civilization
1. Why did people settle near rivers? _____
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The Land Between the Rivers
2. What does "Mesopotamia" mean? _____

3. The Fertile Crescent extends from the _____ to the _____.

The Rise of Civilization
4. Who were the first people to settle in Mesopotamia more than 12,000 years ago? _____
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5. What crops were grown?   a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

6. What animals were raised? a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

7. What made civilization possible in Mesopotamia? _____
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II. Farming and Cities
8. Why was farming difficult in Mesopotamia?_____
_____
9. From where did the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers receive their water? _____
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10. What was destroyed when the rivers flooded? _____
_____
11. What happened to the crops when the water levels were too low? _____

Controlling Water

12. Describe the process farmers used to create irrigation systems?

Process Used	Purpose
1. Dug large storage basins	
2.	To connect the water basins to a network of ditches. The ditches brought water to the fields.
3. Built up the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.	

Food Surpluses

13. What was the effect (result) of irrigation on farming settlements? _____
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My Opinion

14. How do you think a construction (building) project like the building of canals and buildings lead to the development of laws and government? _____
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The Appearance of Cities

15. When did the settlements in Mesopotamia gradually develop into cities? _____.

16. In addition to farming, what else did the people of Mesopotamia eventually do? ____
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17. Where were the four earliest river valley civilizations located?

       1. _____ 2. _____
       3. _____ 4. _____

18. What three factors made river valleys good for farming? 1. _____
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    2. _____
_____
    3. _____
_____

19. How are the rivers similar to modern day highways? _____
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