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**Sumerian Achievements**  
Chapter 3 - Section 3  
Pgs. 67-71

**Vocabulary**

cuneiform: \_\_\_\_\_  
pictographs: \_\_\_\_\_  
scribe: \_\_\_\_\_  
epics: \_\_\_\_\_  
architecture: \_\_\_\_\_  
ziggurat: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. The Invention of Writing**

What did the Sumerians develop? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did Sumerians write? \_\_\_\_\_

How was cuneiform used to express complex ideas? \_\_\_\_\_

Pretend you are a scribe in training. Write a letter to your friend *persuading* them to come to “scribe school” with you. Remember to include all the benefits so your friend will be persuaded to come to school with you.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ -

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

ps. \_\_\_\_\_

Symbols represent words and ideas. Using the ideas on page 68, and your own ideas, draw symbols to represent the words and ideas below. Come up with two of your own.

Word	Symbol	Word	symbol
Water		Fish	
Happiness		Anger	

## **II. Advances and Inventions**

Complete the notes for the following section using page. 69 in your book.

### ***Technical Advances***

#### **A. Development of the *wheel***

1. First people to build wheeled \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Sumerians invented a device that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **B. The *plow* was another important Sumerian invention**

1. Pulled by oxen, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Greatly increased \_\_\_\_\_

#### **C. Sumerians invented a clock**

1. Used \_\_\_\_\_ to measure time.

#### **D. Additional advances by the Sumerians to improve daily life**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Math and Sciences***

The advances made in the area of math were: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What were some of the ingredients used in healing medicines? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **III. The Arts of Sumer**

### ***Architecture***

Most Sumerian rulers lived in \_\_\_\_\_

Most people, however, lived in \_\_\_\_\_

What dominated the city centers in Sumerian society? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***The Arts***

What type of statues were created? \_\_\_\_\_

What natural resources were used to sculpt small objects? \_\_\_\_\_

What was jewelry made of in Sumer? \_\_\_\_\_

What were Sumer's most famous works of art? \_\_\_\_\_

*True or False* (circle one) If false, rewrite to make it true.

True or False: The Sumerians used rubber stamps to show ownership of objects.  
\_\_\_\_\_

True or False: Music was illegal in Sumer.  
\_\_\_\_\_

True or False: Children were not allowed to participate in musical activities.  
\_\_\_\_\_