

World History  
River Valley Civilizations WebQuest  
(worth 29 points)

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Directions: Follow the WebQuest below to discover more about the Ancient River Valley Civilizations. Please raise your hand if you have any questions.

- Find my teacher page: GP South Homepage→Staff Websites→ Elizabeth Rabidou
- Click on the “World History WebQuest” link on the homepage. This way, you can click on the links instead of having to type them out.

**Mesopotamia:** <http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk> (you may need to click on the river animation to continue)

- Click on “Geography” on the left (then click on “Geography” again)
1. What does *Mesopotamia* mean in Greek?
  2. Which two rivers are included in the Mesopotamia river valley?
  3. Why is the land so fertile? (two reasons)
    - Click on “Explore” in the bottom right hand corner. Look at the map.
  4. Name three ancient cities that are located on these rivers and tributaries.
  5. Switch the map to “Modern Political” (white drop-down menu is up top). Through which present-day countries do these two rivers now flow?
    - Click on the “Mesopotamia” link on the left to return to the homepage. Then, click on “Writing” on the left side (then click on “Writing” again)
  6. How long ago did people living in Mesopotamia develop a form of writing?

7. What do we call the script that Mesopotamia residents developed over time?

8. Which specialty occupation uses this script in their job?

- Click on “Explore” in the bottom right hand corner. Read the passage, then click on “Explore the world...”
- Click on the image in the upper right corner, “Envelope and contract”.

9. For what was the second layer of clay used?

**Ancient Egypt:** <http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk> (you may need to click on the flower animation to continue)

- Click on “Mummification” on the left (then click on “Mummification” again)

10. What natural substance/process used to dehydrate buried bodies?

11. What process did the Egyptians later develop? Click on this word to see the definition and write it below.

- Click on “Explore” in the bottom right hand corner. Click on the mummy to the right, and then click on the small jar that has ears.

12. What are these jars called?

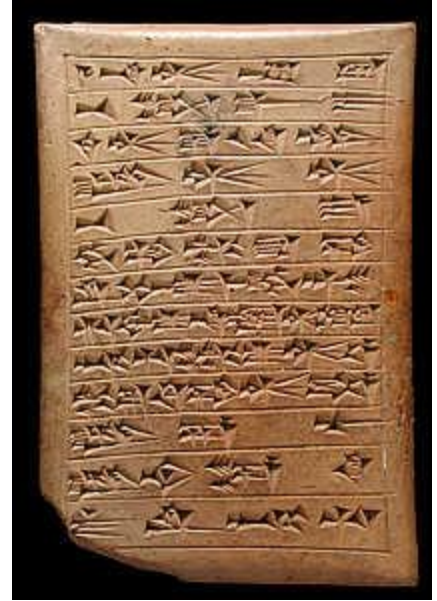
13. What are these types of jars supposed to hold?

14. What is the name of this jar God and what specifically does it protect?

**Ancient India:** <http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/>

- Click on “Indus Valley” on the left (then click on “Indus Valley” again)

15. What was used to make the cities of the Civilization?



16. In the Indus Valley, what technology was the most sophisticated in the ancient world?

- In a new tab open <http://project-history.blogspot.com/2006/11/ancient-city-of-mohenjo-daro.html>

17. Look under “Houses, Sewage, and Plumbing” (last paragraphs). How were the houses of Mohenjo-Daro built?

18. Scroll back up to “The Great Bath of Mohenjo-Daro” and read the two paragraphs. Give two reasons why we think the Indus People may have practiced bathing rituals (hint: one of them is religious!)

- Close that tab and go back to the Ancient India page. Click on the “Ancient India” icon on the left, and then “Early Hinduism”.

19. How long has Hinduism existed in India?

- Click on “Explore” in the bottom right hand corner. Click on the picture of Shiva and read the description.

20. What does Shiva do when he sees chaos and ungodliness?

21. How might this be an example of religion and government overlapping?

**Ancient China:** <http://www.ancientchina.co.uk>

- Click on “Crafts and Artisans” (then click Crafts and Artisans again)

22. What were the most prized materials in Ancient China?

23. What did the ancient Chinese keep secret for hundreds of years?

24. Why do you think this was advantageous (why did this give China an advantage?)

- Click on “Explore” in the bottom right hand corner.

25. Hover your mouse over the three workers. What three workshops are in the street?

26. Click on the Jade Workshop. How did Jade Workers make their products? (*hint*: click on the underlined word to find the definition).

27. After reading about jade, why do you think it was so expensive?

- Click on the “Ancient China” icon on the left to go back to the main page, and then click on “Writing”.

28. The Chinese use *logograms*. How are these characters different from English letters?

- Click on “Challenge” at the bottom and play the matching symbols game. Use the up/down arrows on the right to scroll through the symbols until you find the one you think matches the word and pictorial description.

29. Draw and label four of the characters below:

**You're done! Congratulations!**