

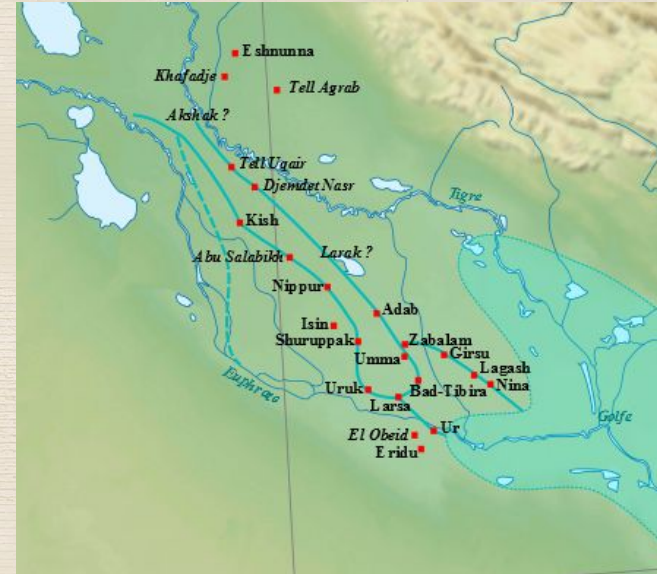
SUMER, MESOPOTAMIA

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GEOGRAPHY/BORDERS

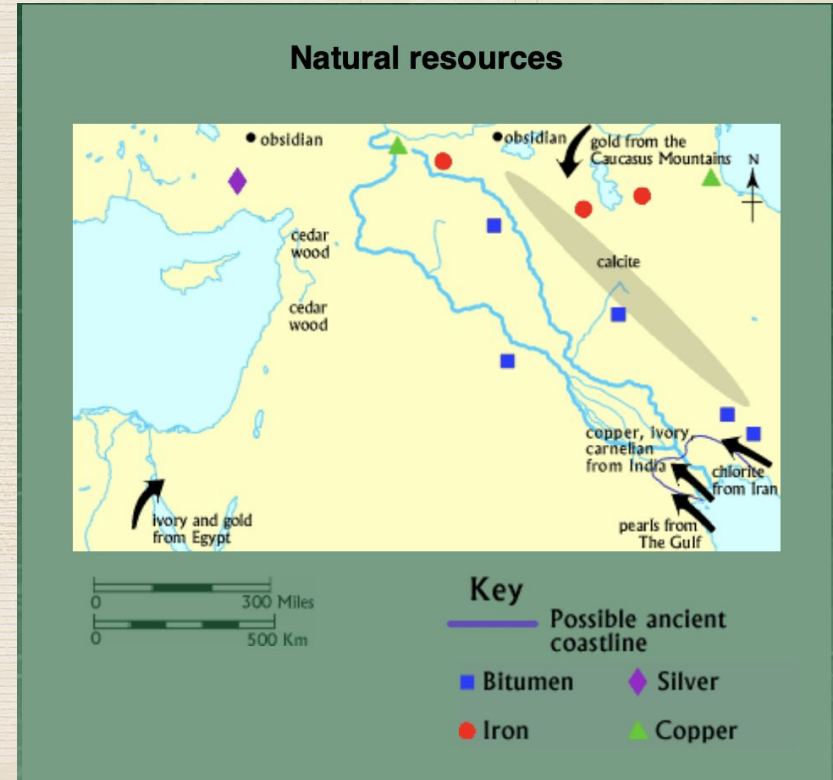
- ◆ In modern day Iraq
- ◆ Southern Mesopotamia
- ◆ City-State Format
 - ◆ Established along ancient coast-line/rivers

Map of City States



NATURAL RESOURCES

- ◆ Marshy, wide, flat, barren land
- ◆ Lacked other resources
- ◆ Euphrates and Tigris Rivers
- ◆ Unpredictable Flooding
- ◆ Spurred:
 1. Irrigation
 2. Innovation
 3. Pessimistic views



NAME ORIGINS

- ◆ “Sûmer” originates from Akkadain geographical term for Southern Mesopotamia
- ◆ Sumerians referred to their land as *Kiengir*
- ◆ Referred to their people as *Sâg-gig*

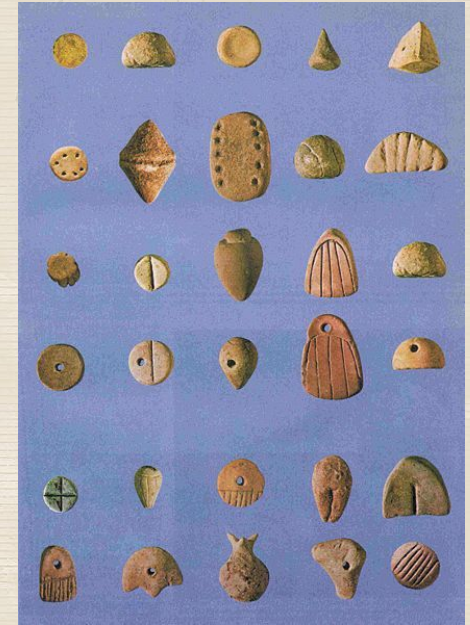


Cuneiform
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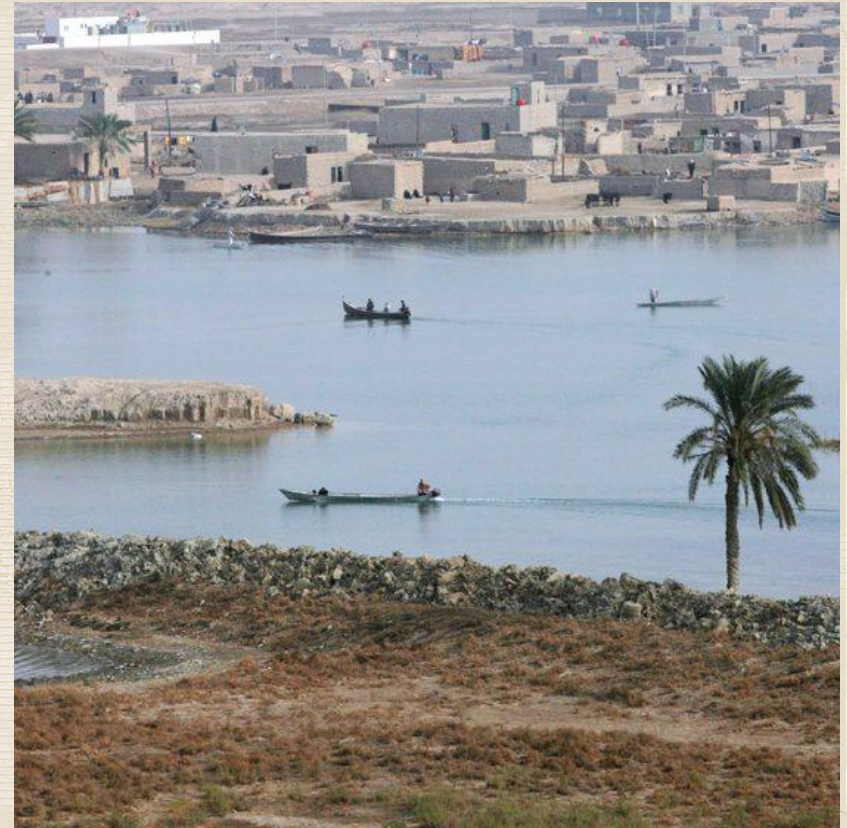
COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Spoken language
 - ◆ Sumerian
 - ◆ Akkadian
- ◆ Written language
 - ◆ Cuneiform around 8,000BC
 - ◆ Semanto-phonetic
 - ◆ Numeral system
- ◆ Trade
 - ◆ Clay tokens and pouches



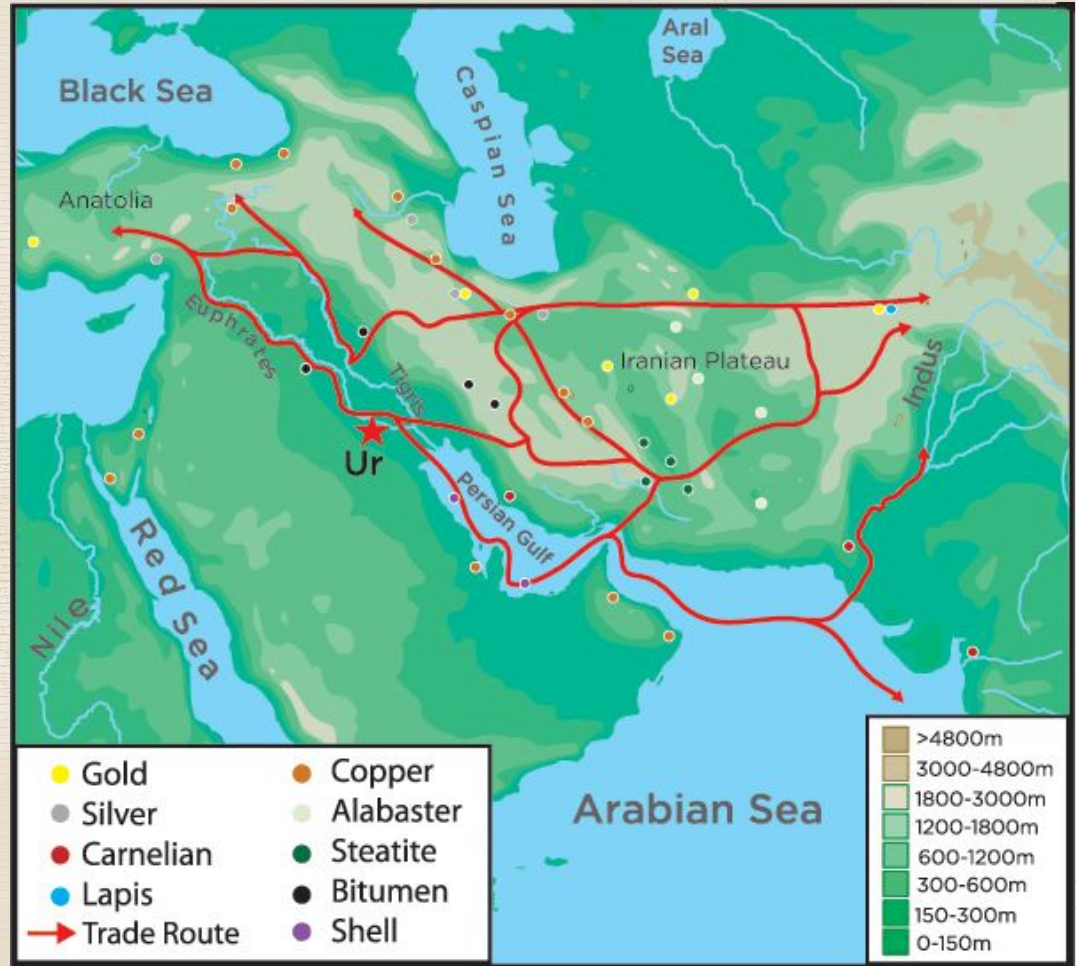
TRADE

- Mesopotamia lacked natural resources (metals, stones, woods)
- Relied on trade
- Exported textiles, woolen clothing, barley, crops, silver



TRADE NETWORK

- Created trade network around Persian Gulf
- Land and sea routes
- Transportation
 - Donkey caravans
 - River barges
 - Ships





Meluhha (Indus Valley) → Ivory, woods

Maggan (Oman) → Copper

Dilmun (Bahrain) → Beads, precious stones

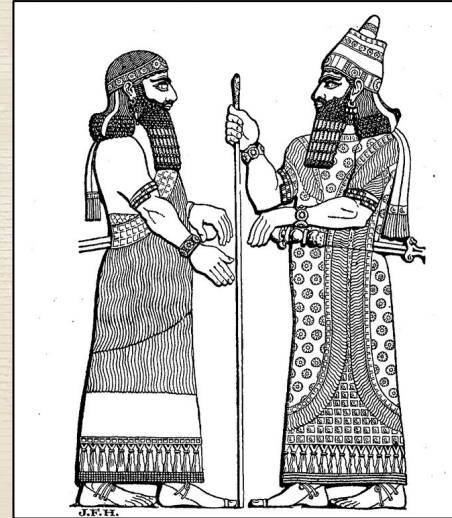
Northern Afghanistan → Lapis lazuli

Anatolia → Obsidian

Lebanon → Cedar

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

- ◆ In line with Religion
- ◆ Region organized into City-States
- ◆ King = *Lugal*
- ◆ Assembly



HIERARCHIES

◆ 5 Social Classes:

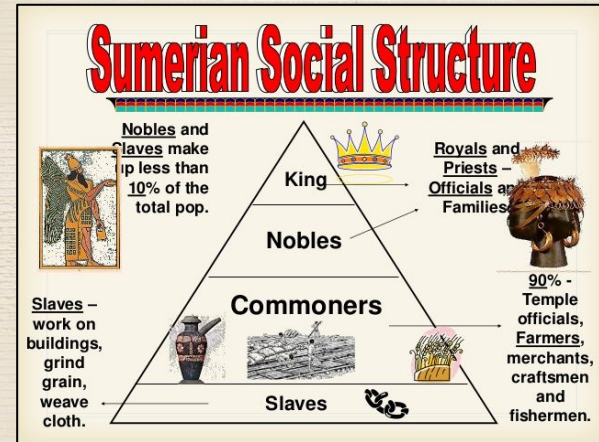
◆ King

◆ Priest

◆ Upper Class

◆ Freeman

◆ Slaves



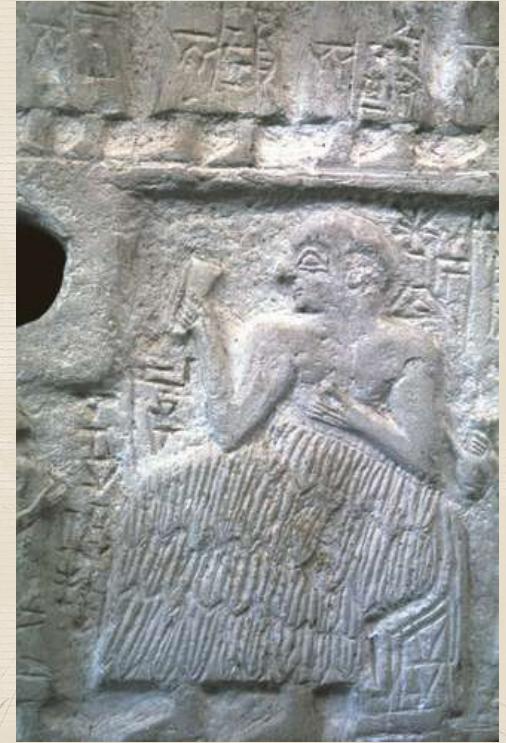
ARCHITECTURE

- ◆ Materials
 - ◆ Mud brick
 - ◆ Mud plaster & dried brick
- ◆ Ground-Level Temples
- ◆ Platform Temples
 - ◆ Ornamentations: copper-sheathed lintel, wood columns, bull and lion reliefs



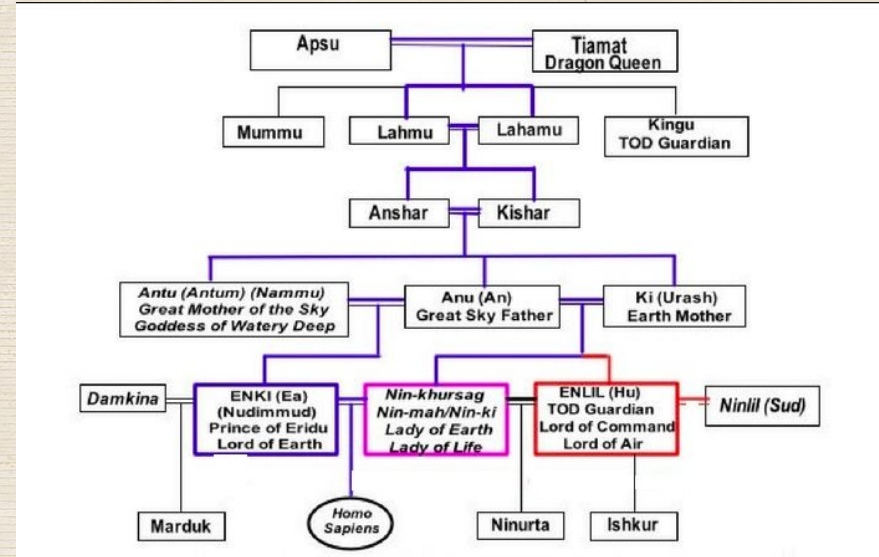
ART

- ◆ Sculptures
 - ◆ Geometric vs. Naturalistic
- ◆ Materials
 - ◆ Stone
 - ◆ Metalwork
- ◆ Clothing
 - ◆ Different based on gender or station



RELIGION

- ◆ Creation myth
- ◆ Enuma Elish
- ◆ “When on high”
- ◆ *Seven Tablets of Creation*



RELIGION CONT.

- ◆ Hierarchy of civilization
- ◆ Morals, good vs. evil
- ◆ Gods above humans



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LET'S TIME TRAVEL!!!

One gloomy day during remote learning, Sections M and N are about to join HUM class, and they were excited to finally be able to talk to each other during a Zoom class. However, everyone is stuck in the waiting room...but that's not new. Finally, the room opens up and Ms Small greets the class.

Ms. Small: Hi class! Can you hear my rooster outside? Sorry for starting the room late but I found something super exciting!!! I found a way for us to actually time travel!!!! I found this time traveling link on www.mesopotamiatotallylegit.net/timetravel. I put the link in chat so click on it and I'll meet you guys there.

Option 1: Click on the link - www.mesopotamiatotallylegit.net/time_travel

Option 2: Ummmm...no - [Click here](#)

Well, sucks for you. Why wouldn't you want to time travel to Mesopotamia. Just click the link!

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