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Chapter Review

2-6c For Further Reflection

1. Explain why irrigation would have been crucial to Mesopotamian agriculture.
2. Give a narrative explanation as to why population growth would have encouraged people to create urban settlements.
3. Why would large-scale urban life have necessitated the concentration of power in the hands of temple priests and kings?
4. Can you think of any reasons why Mesopotamian civilization evolved over the centuries from city-states to small empires?
5. What factors might have encouraged the creation of written law codes like that of King Hammurabi?
6. How did Mesopotamian civilizations fit the model of an agrarian civilization that was outlined in [Chapter 1](#)?

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