

Compare and Contrast Mesopotamian Civilizations



1.2.4 Practice: Compare and Contrast Mesopotamian Civilizations

Practice Assignment

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1. Use this graphic organizer to summarize the similarities and differences between the ancient Mesopotamian civilizations of Sumeria and Babylonia.
2. Be sure to consider similarities and differences in the following areas: religion, advances in government, social differences, and technological innovations.
3. Briefly identify the most important similarity and provide evidence for its importance.
4. Briefly identify the most important difference and provide evidence for its importance.

Sumer	Both Sumer and Babylon	Babylon
Religion:	Religion:	Religion:
divided, started small	polytheistic gods for each city	used sumerian specifically for religion
Advances in government:	Advances in government:	Advances in government:
first "civilization"	cities some law	unified law
Social life:	Social life:	Social life:
• music • religion	• different gender roles • traditions	• centralized religious life

Technological innovations:	Technological innovations:	Technological innovations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuneiform • Wheel (potters) • Arithmetic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and technological advancements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unified and fair law system

As you answer these questions, remember that you can't just mention a fact — you have to tell the reader why this fact supports your claim.

Most important similarity:

Both Sumer and Babylon were Mesopotamian civilizations, setting a precedent for future civilizations.

Most important difference:

Sumer started as a small city that grew into a civilization. Along the way, it understandably ran into scaling problems. On the other hand, Babylon was started with the intent of becoming an empire.

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