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Unit 1: Beginnings of Civilization: Early River Valley Civilizations Terms and Names

City-States in Mesopotamia

Terms and Names

Fertile Crescent Arc of rich farmland in southwest Asia between the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea

Mesopotamia The land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers

city-state Political unit much like an independent country

dynasty Series of rulers from a single family

cultural diffusion New ideas spreading from one culture to another

polytheism Belief in many gods

empire Peoples, nations, or independent states under control of one ruler

Hammurabi Babylonian ruler famous for his code of laws