

# ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA

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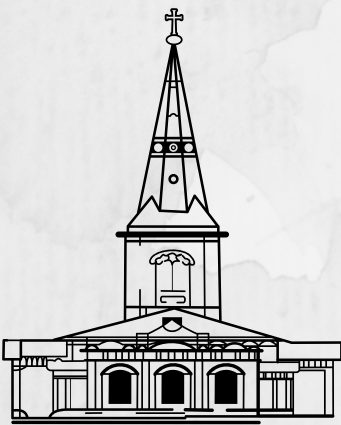
## 1 CITIES-

Mesopotamian houses were made out of mud brick and reeds, they surrounded the temple of the god that they worshiped.



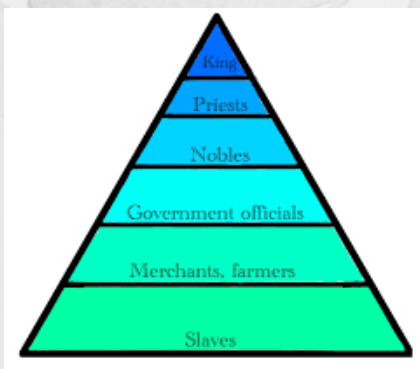
## 2 GOVERNMENT-

The king was the head of the government and dictated trade and dealt with the people and their issues, he also respected gods and spoke to them.



## 3 RELIGION-

Mesopotamians relied on gods for their daily life's and activities, they prayed to each god for each task that they were proceeding to accomplish.



## 4 SOCIAL STRUCTURES

**Kings:** Ruled/ made laws

**Priests:** kept the gods happy

**Nobles:** given land in return for commanding armies

**soldiers:** fought in war/ battles

**Merchants:** sold material goods

**scribes:** kept records

**Commoners:** were producers

**slaves:** workers without pay



## 5 WRITING-

The invention of cuneiform changed understanding of history because it made the alphabet and easier to understand while having a way to write.



## 6 ART

The main medium was wood, stone, or terracotta. Stone was a luxury material since it was very expensive. The sculptures often glorified the kings and gods. They also created pottery and paintings of hunting or fighting scenes.