

Ancient Civilisations

Summer 1 - Year 4

Key Words

Key word	Meaning
Civilisation	The devolved culture and way of life of society.
Fertile Crescent	The semi-circular area of land where the first ancient civilisation began.
Irrigation	The digging of channels to allow water to flow through a field to water crops.
Nomadic	A lifestyle involving moving from place to place,
Ziggurat	A large pyramid made form mud, bricks with a temple on top.

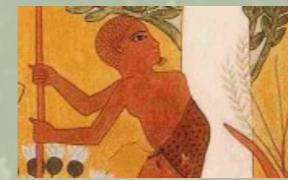
Ancient Sumer

Ancient Sumer was the very first civilisation. It originated between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers in modern Iraq. The Ancient Sumer civilisation began c4500 BC and lasted 2600 years.



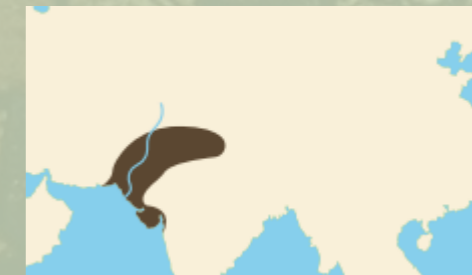
Ancient Egypt.

The ancient Egypt civilisation began on the bank of the Nile, it the Fertile Crescent. Egypt was initially split into Upper and Lower Egypt, but it became one kingdom c3150 BC and lasted for around 2970 years.



Indus Valley

The Indus Valley civilisation developed next to the Indus River in modern Pakistan and north-west India. The river provided the water needed for crops, drinking and transport/ Historians know much less about the Indus Valley civilisation than lost of Sumer and Egypt due to lack of evidence. The civilisation began c2500 BC and lasted around 800 years.



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30 BC