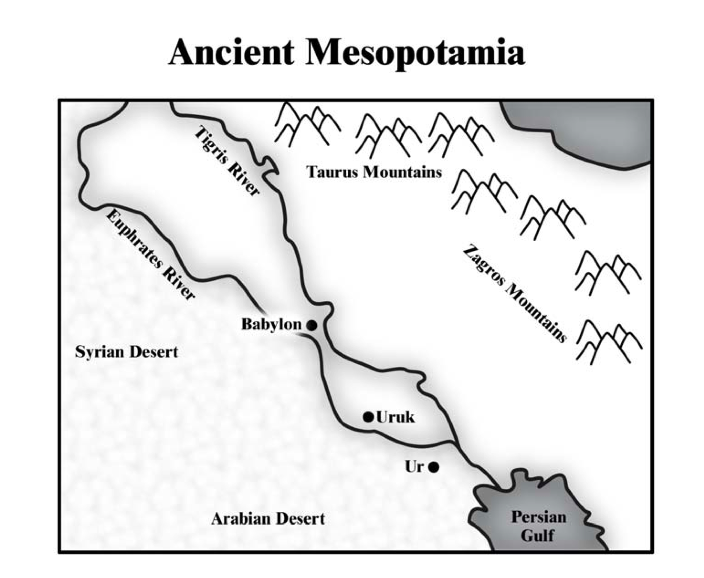
**Ancient Mesopotamia Map Skills**

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| **PART #1 DIRECTIONS: Follow each step below to label the map in color. Make sure you check off each box as you complete it.** |
| * Step #1: Trace the **Tigris** River, **Euphrates** River, & Persian Gulf **[BLUE]** * Step #2: Highlight **Babylonia**, **Sumer,** and **Assyria** **[PURPLE]** * Step #3:Trace a box around the **2 mountain ranges** names **[BROWN]** * Step #4:Trace a box around the **2** **deserts** names **[YELLOW]** * Step #5**:** Label the area between the rivers **MESOPOTAMIA & Color/Shade [GREEN]** |



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| **PART #2 DIRECTIONS** **Fill in the chart with each physical feature in Mesopotamia [river, mountain, desert, or sea] to explain how they made the Fertile Crescent a perfect location to develop a civilization. Add this information to the map next to the physical feature.** | |
| **Physical Feature Name** | **How Did It Help Development Of Mesopotamia?** |
| * Arabian & Syrian Desert | * Protected them from invasion of other civilizations |
| * Persian Gulf |  |
| * Taurus & Zagros Mountains |  |
| * Euphrates & Tigris Rivers |  |

**Ancient Mesopotamia Geography Reading**

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| **PART #3 DIRECTIONS:** **As you read, highlight and use academic conversations to create ANNOTATIONS. Then, switch with your team and have them add their annotations as well. Each team member needs to select a different color to annotate with or write their initials by their annotations.** |

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| **ACADEMIC CONVERSATION FOCUS:**  **CLARIFY & ELABORATE**  WHEN YOU ARE DISCUSSING THE READING WITH YOUR TEAM, KEEP FOCUSED AND USE THE CONVERSATION STARTERS TO HELP GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION! | * **I think it means…** * **It’s similar to…** * **To be clear, you’re saying that…** * **I’m confused when you say \_\_\_\_, Can you elaborate?** * **So you’re saying that…** * **I hear you saying that…** * **In the text it said…** * **An illustration of this…** * **An example is…** * **According to…** * **Building On** * **Another way to look at this could be…** * **Yes–and I would add..** * **Adding to what \_\_\_\_\_\_ said,…** * **Overall, what I’m trying to say is…** * **My whole point in one sentence is…** * **The evidence suggests that…** |

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| Mesopotamia is a Greek word meaning **'between the rivers'**. The rivers are the **Tigris** and **Euphrates** which flow through modern Iraq. The Euphrates also flows through much of Syria. **Mesopotamia is made up of different regions**, each with its own geography. **The geography of each area and the natural resources found there** **affected the ways that people lived**.  **Northern Mesopotamia** is made up of **hills and plains**. **The land is quite fertile due to seasonal rains, and the rivers and streams flowing from the mountains**. Early settlers **farmed the land** and used timber, metals and stone from the mountains nearby.  **Southern Mesopotamia** is made up of **marshy areas and wide, flat, barren plains**. Cities developed along the rivers which flow through the region. **Early settlers had to irrigate the land along the banks of the rivers in order for their crops to grow.** Since they did not have many natural resources**, contact with neighboring lands was important.** |

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