World History
River Valley Civilizations WebQuest

Name __________________________ Date __________________________

Directions: Follow the WebQuest below to discover more about the Ancient River Valley Civilizations. Please raise your hand if you have any questions.

- Go to lhs-harmonwh.weebly.com click on the Assignments Tab and then scroll down to River Valley Civilizations Webquest and click on it. This way, you can click on the links instead of having to type them out.

**Mesopotamia**: [http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk](http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk) (you may need to click on the river animation to continue)

- Click on “Geography” on the left (then click on “Geography” again)

1. Which two rivers are included in the Mesopotamia river valley?

2. Why is the land so fertile? (two reasons)

- Click on “Explore” in the bottom right hand corner. Look at the map.

3. Name three ancient cities that are located on these rivers and tributaries.

- Click on the “Mesopotamia” link on the left to return to the homepage. Then, click on “Writing” on the left side (then click on “Writing” again)

4. How long ago did people living in Mesopotamia develop a form of writing?
5. What do we call the script that Mesopotamia residents developed over time?

6. Which specialty occupation uses this script in their job?

**Ancient Egypt:** [http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk](http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk) (you may need to click on the flower animation to continue)
   - Click on “Geography” on the left (then click on “The screen” again)

7. Egyptians believed that their land was divided into two halves a black land and a red land, what was the significance of each side? (Explain)
   - Click on “Trades” on the left (then click on “The screen” again)

8. What set the standard for a craftsmen’s lifestyle?
   - Click on “Writing” on the left (then click on “The screen” again)

9. What was the most famous of all ancient Egyptian scripts?

10. Click on the term papyrus and define it.

**Ancient India:** [http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/](http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/)
   - Click on “Indus Valley” on the left (then click on “The screen” again)

11. In 1 paragraph (5 sentences) describe the cities of the Indus Valley.
12. In the Indus Valley, what technology was the most sophisticated in the ancient world?

- Then click on Indus Valley and then Mohenjo-Daro.

13. Look under “Houses, Sewage, and Plumbing” (last paragraphs). How were the houses of Mohenjo-Daro built?

14. Scroll back up to “The Great Bath of Mohenjo-Daro” and read the two paragraphs. Give two reasons why we think the Indus People may have practiced bathing rituals (hint: one of them is religious!)

- Close that tab and go back to the Ancient India page. Click on the “Ancient India” icon on the left, and then “Early Hinduism”.

15. How long has Hinduism existed in India, and what supports its beliefs?

**Ancient China**: [http://www.ancientchina.co.uk](http://www.ancientchina.co.uk)
- Click on “Crafts and Artisans” (then click Crafts and Artisans again)

16. What were the most prized materials in Ancient China?

17. What did the ancient Chinese keep secret for hundreds of years? Why do you think this was advantageous to China?

- Click on “Writing” (then click “The screen” again)

18. The Chinese use *logograms*. Describe these caricatures and how are they different from English letters?

*You’re done! Congratulations!*