

Unit 2: Activities 2.3 Worksheet

1. List as many ways as you can in which Sumerian civilization continues to influence life in present-day Saskatchewan. For this question you want to identify the ideas, technologies and innovations Sumer was the first to develop. Sumer developed at *least* five things we continue to make use of today. Write your answers in the space provided below.

| Sumerian Idea, Technology or Innovation | Importance to Saskatchewan Today |
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2. In small groups, review the laws from *Hammurabi's Code* (page 17).

- Explain briefly what the laws tell us about Babylonian spiritual beliefs, economic practices, class relations, views of justice, attitudes to family life, and attitudes towards both men and women.

| Category | Law # | What does the law reveal about the Babylonian worldview? | How does this differ from a Canadian worldview? |
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| Spiritual Beliefs: the quality of being concerned with the human spirit or soul. | | | |
| Economic Practices: transactions involving money through trade, compensation, purchasing products. | | | |
| Class Relations: the way members of different classes regard and treat one another. | | | |
| Views of Justice: attitudes towards fair treatment and social responsibility. | | | |
| Attitudes to Family Life: the way in which family members are valued and protected by law. | | | |
| Attitudes towards Men and Women: the differences, if any, in the way men and women are treated and valued. | | | |

3. Is an “eye for an eye” a fair principle of justice? Discuss this topic in your small groups. Write your answer in the space provided.