

Unit 2: Assignment 6: Hammurabi's Code

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

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?
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.