

CHAPTER  
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GUIDED READING *City-States in Mesopotamia*

Section 1

**A. Identifying Problems and Solutions** As you read about the Sumerians, fill in the chart below to explain how they solved problems they faced.

The Problems		The Solutions
1. With flooding of the rivers unpredictable, how could farmers water their fields during the dry summer months?	→	
2. With no natural barriers, how could villagers protect themselves?	→	
3. With limited natural resources, how could Sumerians get the materials for tools and buildings?	→	
4. How should the Sumerian city-states be ruled?	→	
5. What could be done to please the gods and earn their protection in life?	→	

**B. Categorizing Facts and Details** List examples of Sumerian culture in the boxes below.

<b>Religion</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>Architecture</b>	<b>Inventions</b>
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**C. Determining Word Meaning** On the back of this paper, identify **Hammurabi**, the characteristics of an **empire**, and the process of **cultural diffusion**.