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Early River Valley Civilizations- Review

1. What was the Neolithic Revolution? Why is it considered a turning point in human history?
* People started to farm and create a surplus of food. This signaled the end of the nomadic lifestyle.
1. Why was a surplus of crops important to the development of the earliest civilizations?
* People could settle and then make more complex societies (specialization of labor)
1. Why were most early civilizations more apt to be successful because of locations near River Valleys?
* They were near water for fertile soil, trade.
1. Describe some of the similarities that all of the River Valley Civilizations shared. Name at least two and describe their importance.
* Irrigation, Strong Central Government
1. Who is Hammurabi? Why was he so important to the Study of Global History?
* Leader of Babylon (Mesopotamia) publicly displayed laws and had first written code.
1. Other than providing good areas for farming, what other benefits existed for settling in River Valleys?
* Trade/Transportation, Communication
1. Provide some examples of cultural diffusion that occurred between two different regions or civilizations.
2. Describe the basic social structure that existed in Ancient Egypt.
* Hierarchy- ex: Pharaoh🡪 slaves
1. What are epics? Why are they important when learning about early civilizations?
* Epics are classic story of a culture. Epic of Gilgamesh- allows us to understand more of the culture
1. What were some of the major contributions and accomplishments of each of the River Valley civilizations that we have discussed? (China, Egypt, Mesopotamia, India)
* Look at chart of four civilizations