Chapter 3 Vocabulary Answers
Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent

Section 1: Geography of the Fertile Crescent

Fertile Crescent: ___ a large arc of rich, or fertile, farmland ________________________
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silt: ___ a mixture of rich soil and tiny rocks ________________________________
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irrigation: ___ a way of supplying water to an area of land _______________________
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canals: ___ human-made waterways _________________________________________
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surplus: ___ more than what is needed _______________________________________
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division of labor: ___ a type of arrangement in which each worker specializes in a particular task or job ________________________________________________
Section 2: The Rise of Sumer

rural: country side

urban: city

city-state: ______ the political unit that consisted of a city and all the countryside around it.

Gilgamesh: ______ Uruk's king who became a legendary figure in Sumerian literature

Sargon: ______ He used a permanent army to defeat all the city-states of Sumer

empire: ______ land with different territories and peoples under a single rule.

polytheism: ______ the worship of many gods

priests: ______ people who perform religious ceremonies

social hierarchy: ______ the division of society by rank or class
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Section 3: Sumerian Achievements

cuneiform: _________________________

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pictographs: _______________________

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scribe: _________________________

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epics: _________________________

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architecture: _______________________

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ziggurat: _______________________

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Section 4: Later Peoples of the Fertile Crescent

monarch: _________________________

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Hammurabi’s Code _______________________

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chariot: _________________________

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Nebuchadnezzar: _______________________

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alphabet: _________________________

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