

Study Guide for Chapter 6: Empires of Mesopotamia

1. Why couldn't Sumerian city-states defend themselves from stronger groups? _____

2. Draw a timeline that shows the four Empires of Mesopotamia and their leaders.
3. How were the Akkadians able to control Sumer? _____

4. What were some items that the Babylonians traded? _____

5. Who created a code of laws that can be summarized by "an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth"?

6. What characteristic made the Akkadians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and Neo-Babylonians gain the title of "empire"? _____
7. What is a stele? _____
8. What was the "tribute" that the Akkadians collected from conquered peoples in order to build their capital city? _____
9. True or False? It was difficult for empires to control the large area they conquered. _____
10. True or False? The legal system of Babylon included giving women rights. _____
11. What were the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and where were they located? _____

12. Why can Nebuchadrezzar be considered "infamous"? _____

13. Why did the Assyrians build aqueducts? _____

14. What city was the capital of the Assyrian Empire? _____
15. What devices and strategies did the Assyrians use to conquer other cities? _____

16. List one achievement for each of the four Empires of Mesopotamia.
Akkadian-- _____
Babylonian-- _____
Assyrian-- _____
Neo-Babylonian-- _____