

CHAPTER
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GUIDED READING *City-States in Mesopotamia*

Section 1

A. Perceiving Relationships As you read about the Sumerians, fill in the chart below to explain how they met different challenges they faced.

The Challenges		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. Recognizing Facts and Details List examples of Sumerian culture in the boxes below.

Religion	Literature	Architecture	Inventions
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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**.