

2.1 Civilization Begins in Mesopotamia – Reading Check Questions (pp. 37-43)

1. What role did geography play in the development of Mesopotamian civilization?
2. Why were the city-states considered to be theocracies?
3. Why was it so easy for Sargon and his army to invade the Sumerian city-states?
4. Identify at least five aspects of Mesopotamian society as revealed by the Code of Hammurabi.
5. What role did the physical environment play in the way Mesopotamians viewed the world?
6. Name two major inventions of the Sumerians, and tell how those inventions affect our lives today.