**The Development of Mesopotamia**

**Rise of City States**

Early people who lived in Fertile Crescent began \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in small villages.

Neolithic villages grew into large, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Where were they located?**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Low plains
* Mesopotamia-land between Tigris and Euphrates
* Present day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Cities appeared in the southern portion

**What did they look like?**

* Small independent countries
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Strong city walls
* Moats/ditches

**Mesopotamia: Difficult Environment**

* N-Hilly & \_\_\_\_\_\_
* S-flat land, dry & sunny

Tigris and Euphrates, little rain, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ season

Building materials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to find, reeds

No natural barriers to keep out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Food shortages in the hills, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ water supply in the plains
* Difficulties in building and maintaining systems to move \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Food Shortages in the Hills**

* Zagros Mts. had everything
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Est. Sumer

**Uncontrollable Water Supply**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_=flood season
* Irrigation system-levees, canals and dams- could store water for later use

**Irrigation System**

* Connected villages
* Farmers had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep canals clear
* Working together lead to larger communities
* Village-towns-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attacks**

* Fight over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Built strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-independent