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Crash Course: **Mesopotamia**

1. When did Mesopotamian cities begin forming and what does the name of this civilization mean?
2. How was Mesopotamian society and early form of socialism?
3. Mesopotamia was divided into city-states )a city that had control over the surrounding countryside) and one of the earliest of these was Uruk. What were some of the characteristics of the city-state?
4. Why were the two main rivers of the civilization both beneficial and problematic for the people of Mesopotamia?
5. Why were the priests at the top of the Mesopotamian social structure for so long? How did the palace and rulers (men) take over from the temple and priests (gods)?
6. How do we know so much about the civilization Mesopotamia?
7. What was the most likely reason why the Mesopotamians created cuneiform?
8. Why did the city-state change around 2000 BCE? How did this change affect the governmental structure of the city-states?
9. Who was Hammurabi and why is he important to the story of Mesopotamia?
10. Why were the Assyrians so good at conquering and what was their most important legacy to history, according to John Green?

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Crash Course: **Egypt**

1. Why is Ancient Egypt often the most remembered ancient civilization?
2. What river shaped Ancient Egyptian civilization and why was the river so beneficial?
3. How did the Egyptians view the afterlife?
4. How is Egyptian history divided? What is a pharaoh?
5. Why were the pyramids built and who built them?
6. What were other important aspects of Egyptian religious beliefs?
7. What was the writing system in Egypt?
8. What were some of the characteristics of the Old and Middle Kingdoms?
9. The New Kingdom period of Egyptian history was one in which the geographic borders of the civilization expanded. There were also three pretty famous pharaohs during this period. Who were they and why are they famous?
10. What does John Green refer to as the “really crucial thing about Egyptian culture”?