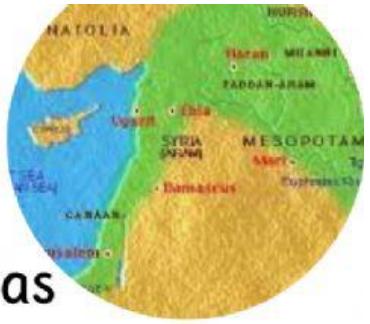


# fertile crescent

by the time – despite – through  
 until – such as – since  
 due to – in addition to – thanks to – as



- 1..... unusually fertile soil and productive freshwater and wetlands, the region has been a significant region throughout history.
2. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers flow ..... the heart of the Fertile Crescent
3. The Fertile Crescent is regarded ..... the birthplace of agriculture, urbanization, writing and trade
- 4..... to farming and cities, ancient Mesopotamian societies developed irrigation, temples, potters.
- 5 The earliest occupants of Mesopotamia began to practice agriculture by domesticating plants ..... flax, wheat, barley and lentils.
6. ..... the debates on the origins of Sumerians, archaeologists believe that they established a dozen city-states in southern Iraq.
7. Hunter-gatherer societies shifted to sedentary communities in the area ..... they were able to support themselves from the land.
8. The people of the region lived in separate city-states ..... the rise of the first multi-cultural empire in the world, Akkad.
9. ..... of the fall of the Roman Empire, most of the great civilizations were in ruins due to wars.
- 10..... climate change, extensive damming of the rivers, the Fertile Crescent is getting dry these days.