

ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA

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Listening Comprehension Task

Watch the video "Ancient Mesopotamia 101" from National Geographic Education and answer the following questions based on the video content. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each question.

1. Where is Mesopotamia located, and what are its two main rivers?

- A) In Egypt, between the Nile and the Red Sea
- B) In Greece, between the Aegean and the Ionian Sea
- C) In what is today Iraq, Kuwait, and Syria, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- D) In Rome, between the Tiber and the Arno Rivers

2. What factors made Mesopotamia ideal for the development of agriculture?

- A) Cold climate and mountainous terrain
- B) Stable climate, rich soil, and steady supply of fresh water
- C) Proximity to the ocean and sandy soil
- D) High altitudes and volcanic soil

3. Describe one major contribution of the Babylonians to mathematics.

- A) The development of algebraic equations
- B) The creation of the zero digit
- C) The base 60 system, leading to the 60-second minute and the 360-degree circle
- D) The invention of the abacus

4. What is cuneiform, and why was it significant?

- A) A type of currency used for trade, significant for economic development
- B) A writing system that evolved from simple pictures to a sophisticated script, used for various languages and purposes, including recording laws
- C) A musical instrument, significant for cultural rituals
- D) A type of pottery, significant for storing food and water

5. Who conquered Babylon in 539 BC, and what was the impact on Mesopotamia?

- A) Alexander the Great, leading to the Hellenistic Period
- B) Julius Caesar, leading to the Roman Empire's expansion
- C) Genghis Khan, leading to the rise of the Mongol Empire
- D) The Persian king Cyrus, leading to Mesopotamia becoming a territory of foreign empires

