

Governments & Religions

- Monarchy
- Empires
- Dynasties
- Polytheism
- Monotheism
 - Judaism

Characteristics of Civilization

- Division of Labor
- Complex Social Institutions
 - Ex. Government, Religion
- Advanced Technology
- Calendar
- Written Language
(Last Aspect to develop)

Economic Patterns

- Use of new metals
 - Bronze & Iron
- Increased Agricultural Production
 - Use of Irrigation Systems & Plows
- Trade begins
- World's 1st Cities Develop - Sumer
- Use of Slaves for Labor

The Four Old-World River Valley Cultures



Ancient River Valley Civilizations

Written Language

- Pictograms
- Cuneiform
 - Sumer
- Hieroglyphics
 - Egypt
- Alphabet
 - Phoenicia

"The Firsts of Everything"

Literature

- *The Epic of Gilgamesh*
 - World's 1st Epic

Law Codes

- **Hammurabi's Law Code**
 - Unified Babylonian Society
 - Harsh Laws
 - Strict class distinctions

Locations

- Mesopotamia
 - Tigris & Euphrates
- Egypt
 - Nile
- Indus River Valley
 - Indus
- China
 - Huang He

