

The Ancient Near East

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and choose the correct term from the word bank to replace the underlined definition.

city-state	Sargon	ziggurat
cuneiform	polytheism	

1. Using his permanent army, this Akkadian ruler formed the world’s first empire.

2. The worship of many gods was a common belief that shaped life in Sumer.

3. A pyramid-shaped temple was often found in a city’s center to honor its chief god.

4. Created with sharp tools and clay tablets, Sumerian writing was used to keep records.

5. Each Sumerian city and its land formed a political unit with its own government.

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write a **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term from the word bank on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence true.

ziggurat	Mesopotamia
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_____ 6. The area between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers has been called the Fertile Crescent.

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_____ 7. One of the most important parts of forming a civilization and creating leadership is learning to assign jobs and allocate resources.

_____ 8. Over time, the king of a Sumerian city-state might form a dynasty.
