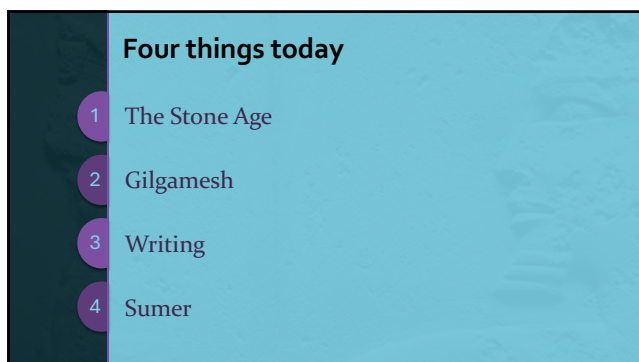


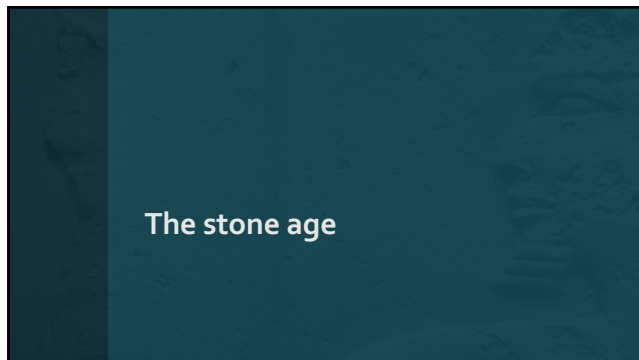
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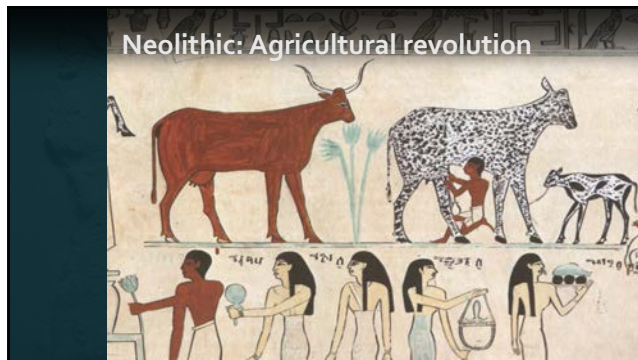
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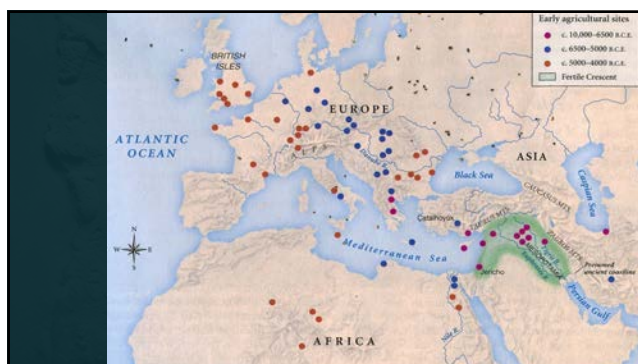
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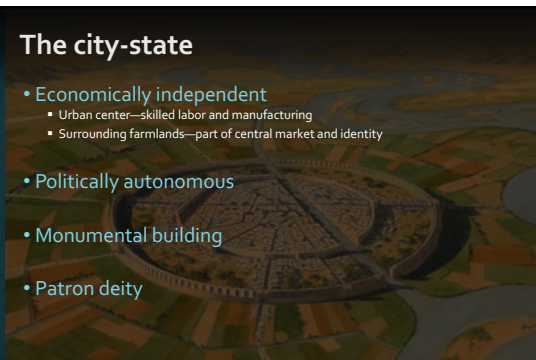
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The city-state

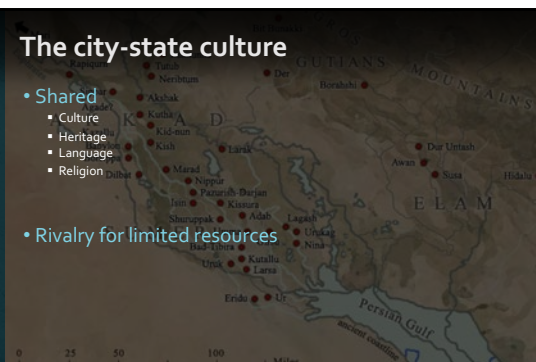
- Economically independent
 - Urban center—skilled labor and manufacturing
 - Surrounding farmlands—part of central market and identity
- Politically autonomous
- Monumental building
- Patron deity



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The city-state culture

- Shared
 - Culture
 - Heritage
 - Language
 - Religion
- Rivalry for limited resources



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Great river civilizations



- Olmecs After 1200 BCE
- Egypt After 3100 BCE
- Mesopotamia After 3500 BCE
- Indus River After 2500 BCE
- Yellow River After 2200 BCE

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Civilization as social revolution

- Complex social structures
 - Division of labor
 - Class
 - Forms of government
 - Citizen and noncitizen
- The responsibilities of the citizen
 - The individual is subordinated to the community
- The responsibilities of gender

MEN	PUBLIC	PRESENT
WOMEN	PRIVATE	FUTURE

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Forms of government

- Democracy δῆμος 'people' + κράτος 'power'
- Republic RES PUBLICA 'public matters'
- Oligarchy ὀλίγος 'few' + ἄρχων 'leader'
- Autocracy αὐτός 'self' + κράτος 'power'
 - Tyranny τύραννος 'lord and master'
 - Monarchy μόνος 'alone' + ἄρχων 'leader'
 - Dynasty δύναμις 'to be able, to be strong enough'
- Theocracy θεός 'deity' + κράτος 'power'
- Citizen CIVITAS 'city-dwellers'
- Constitution CONSTITUO 'settled, agreed upon'
- Empire IMPERIUM 'power to command, compel'

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Mesopotamia

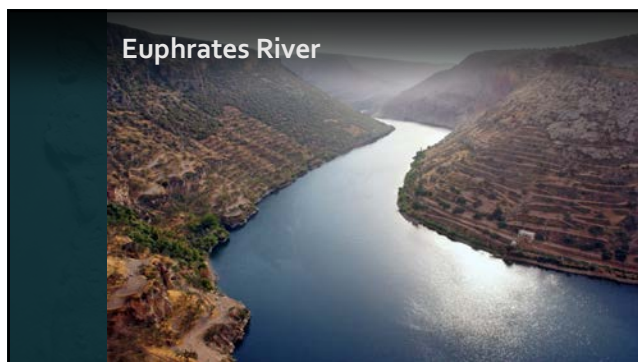
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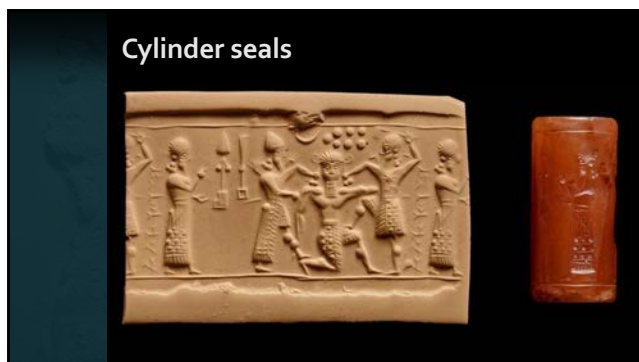
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Ways of looking at the Epic

- Gilgamesh as a priest-king
- Gilgamesh as a mortal
- Gilgamesh as a man

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Characters

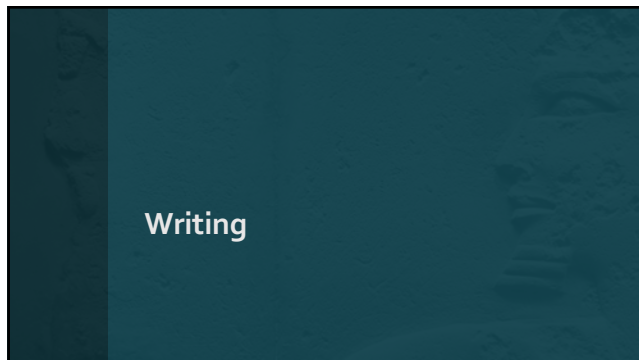
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| • Gilgamesh | king of Uruk |
| • Ninsun | his divine mother |
| • Enkidu | his friend |
| • Shámhat | a prostitute in Uruk |
| • Shámash | sun-god |
| • Humbába | forest guardian |
| • Íshtar | great goddess |
| • Úta-napishti | survivor of the Flood |

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Tablet 1



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Forms of writing

PICTOGRAPHS	SYLLABARIES	ALPHABETS
Each character represents a word or a concept	Each character represents a syllable (consonant + vowel)	Each character represents a sound
 Cuneiform	 Linear B	 Greek
 Hieroglyphs	 Aramaic	 Latin

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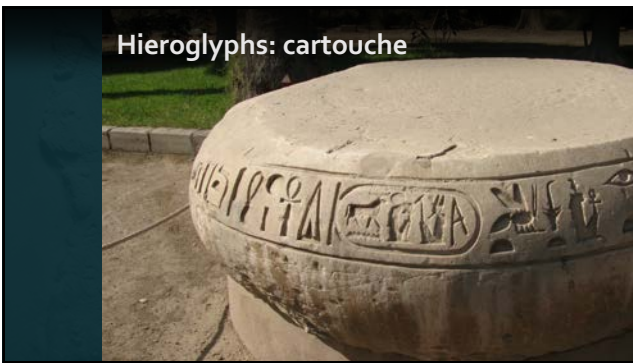
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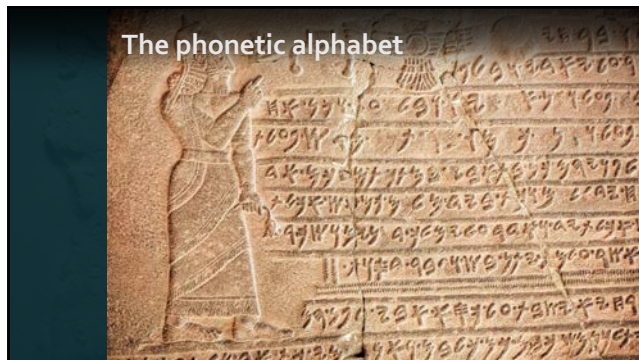
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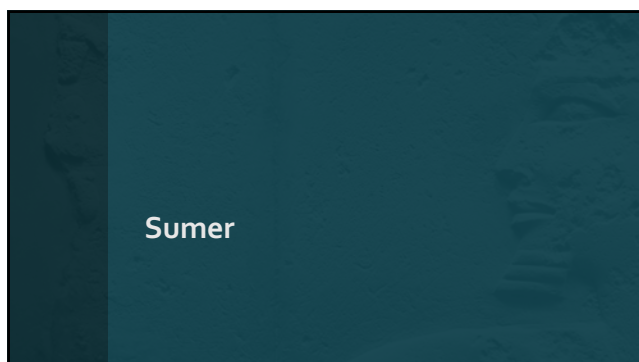
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Rivalry for resources → warfare



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The deluge

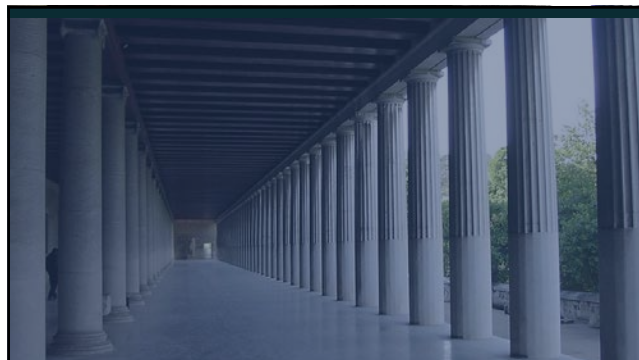


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Life and afterlife



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