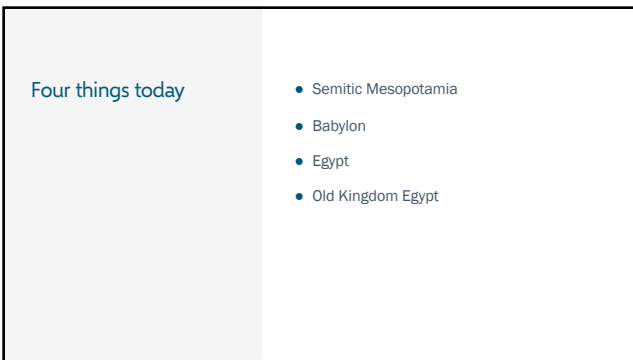




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Quiz #1 | God-Kings of Egypt

- The Nile River impacted the Egyptians by
 - never flooding, aiding trade and migration
 - every flooding, but always destructively, forcing Egypt to rebuild
 - flooding unpredictably, leaving Egyptians fearful and uncertain
 - ☒ flooding every year, leaving fertile soil and suggesting a world of cycles and benevolent gods
- All of the following were true of the pharaohs...
 - The government revolved around the pharaoh, who owned the land and everything it produced
 - The pharaohs were considered to be gods, identified with Ra, Horus, and Ptah
 - ☒ The pharaoh's wife was usually a stranger who was unrelated to them, from a nonroyal clan
 - Even the pharaoh was bound by *ma'at*, the system of order, justice, and harmony mandated for all by the gods
- Egypt was unified as a single kingdom
 - from the beginning of time
 - ☒ early on, when the king of Upper Egypt conquered the rest
 - only metaphorically, in myths and literature
 - only by outsiders
- All of the following are true of the Egyptian system of hieroglyphs...
 - It was an ancient writing system of ideograms with over 7,000 symbols
 - ☒ The Egyptians developed no way to show proper names and foreign words
 - A cursive form was used on papyrus, a kind of paper made using the hollow stem of a particular plant
 - Its origins lay in the little-known early centuries of Egyptian civilization
- In Tablet 6 of *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, the goddess Ishtar proposes to Gilgamesh.
 - accepts, succumbing to her beauty
 - accepts, but on behalf of Enkidu, not himself
 - ☒ refuses, citing her misbehavior of past lovers
 - refuses, saying he must first learn to love himself

Extra Credit

EC. Why do you think Egypt was able to unify, but not Sumer?

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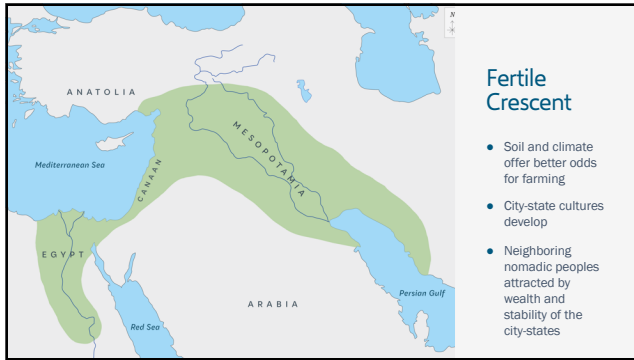
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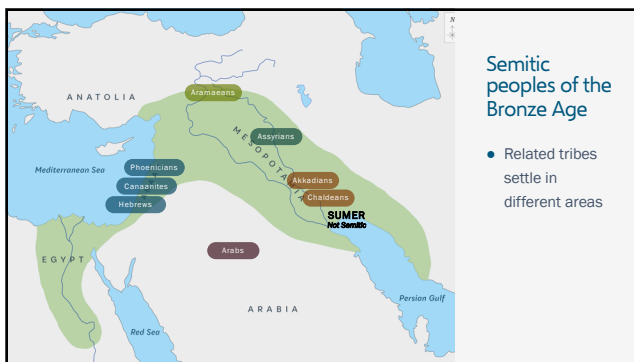
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Semitic peoples of Southwest Asia

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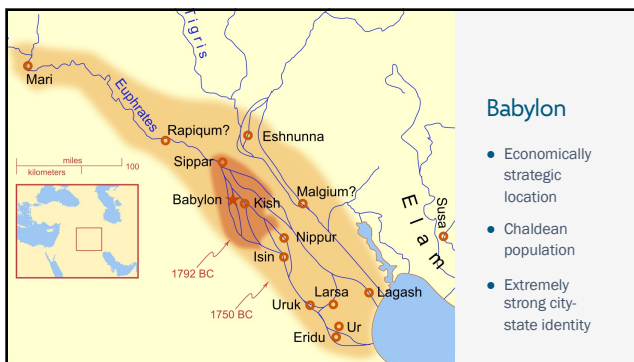
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The Old Babylonian Empire

- Around 1900-1600 BCE
- Absorbed culture and stories of conquered peoples
- Babylon as a center of science and natural history, especially astronomy

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How does the Code of Hammurabi change things?

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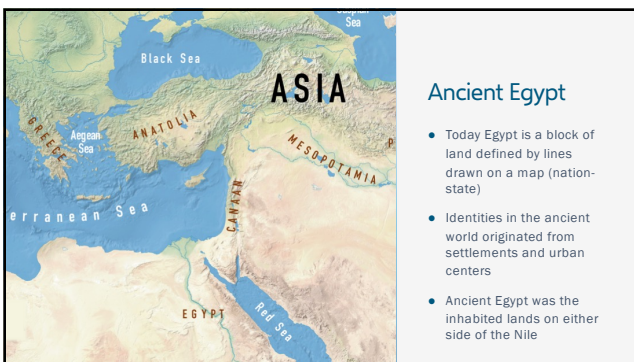
Code of Hammurabi

- Unified legal system emphasizes benefits of empire
- Consistent rules for guilt and sentencing
 - From city to city
 - From judge to judge
- Public law
 - Justice associated with the people, not just nobility
 - Known laws/punishment minimizes arbitrary/corrupt rulings
- State supersedes family/local
 - Emphasis on center rather than parts
 - Makes possible a sense of identity with the larger whole

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"The Gift of the Nile"

- Trade and transportation
- Annual flood
 - Every year
 - Provides layer of fertile soil

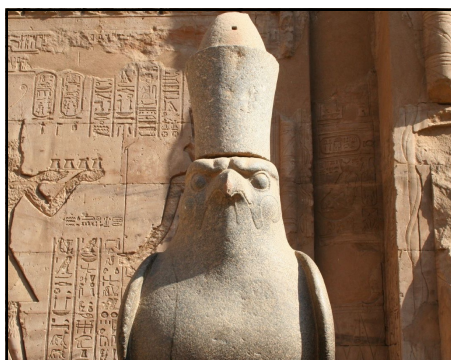
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Cultural impact of the flood

- Nature provides = gods are benevolent
- Egyptians expect cycles and recurrences
- Permanence and lack of change

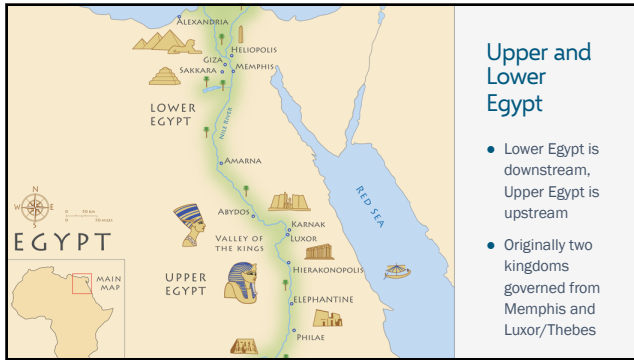
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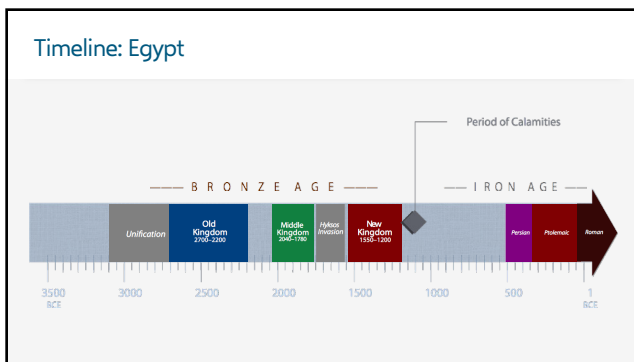
The gods

- Benevolent and nurturing
- Many depicted as part animal
- Cycle of Horus and Osiris

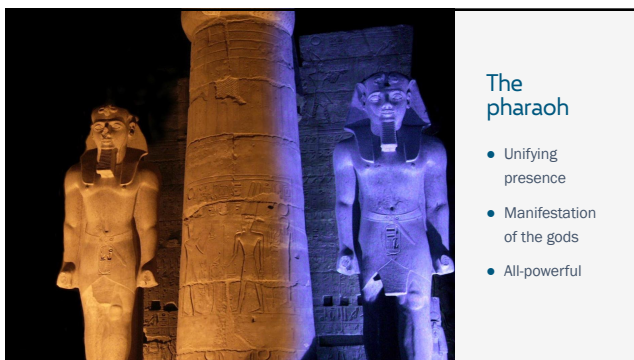
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Priest-Kings and God-Kings



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Ma'at

- Harmony, balance, justice
- Gods are benevolent; pharaohs must be benevolent and provide ma'at

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The pharaoh's death

- Elaborate tombs
 - Pyramids in the earlier dynasties (Old Kingdom)
 - Valley of the Kings in New Kingdom
- Records of accomplishments
- Mummification
- Seen as a cycle mimicking Horus and Osiris

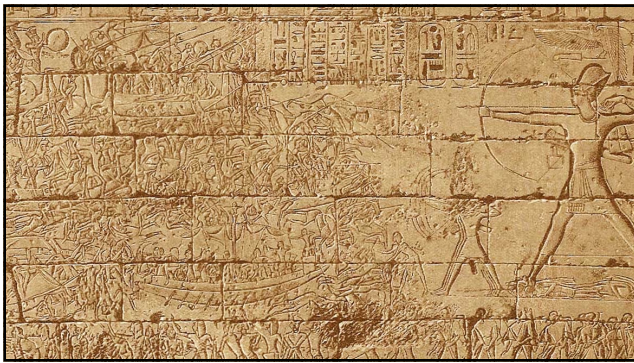
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Hieroglyphs

- Used to record official records and sacred texts
- Part of the preservation of the pharaoh's life after death
- Less formal versions used for other writings

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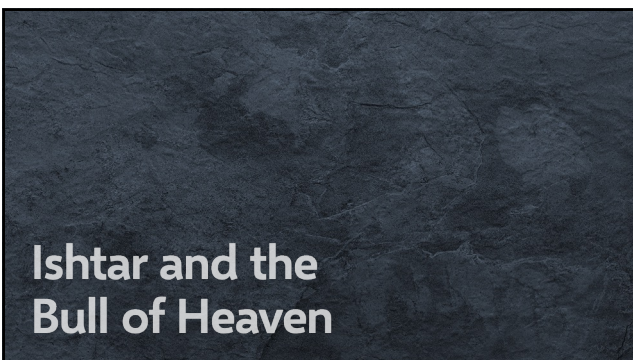
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Ishtar (Inanna)

- Sumerian goddess of fertility and war
- Depicted as capricious and not to be trusted

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Ishtar's Proposal

- Ishtar wants Gilgamesh
- Gilgamesh rejects Ishtar
 - Ishtar's treatment of past lovers
 - Refusal to pass from mortal life into being consort if goddess
- Reckless or heroic?

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The Bull of Heaven

- Ishtar gets Enlil to send as vengeance
- Bull as a symbol of nature's power
 - Terrifying and destructive
 - Can be used by mortals
- Bull sent against Uruk
- Gilgamesh and Enkidu defeat using strength and cunning

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