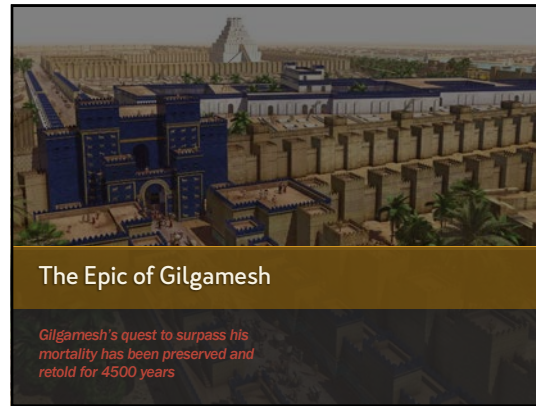




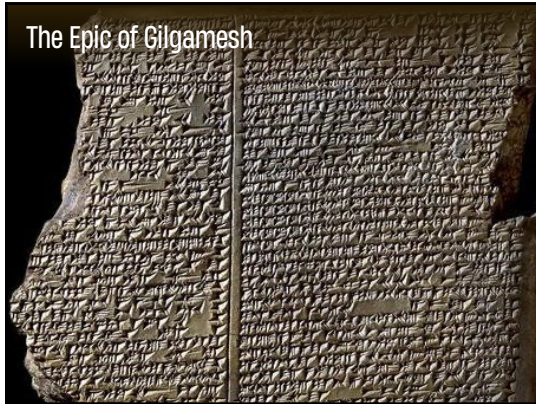
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Ways of looking at the Epic

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

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Characters

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

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King Gilgamesh



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Enkidu



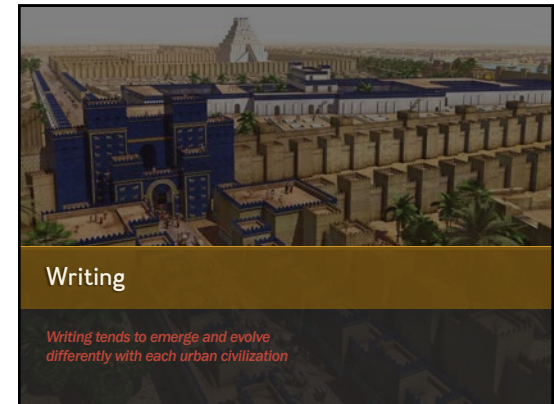
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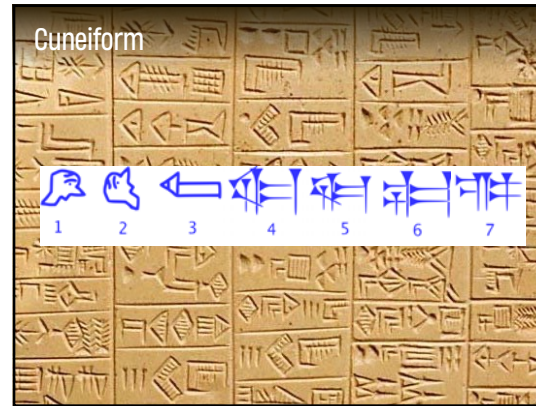
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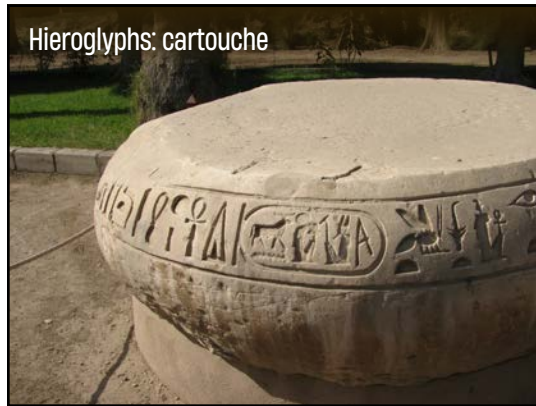
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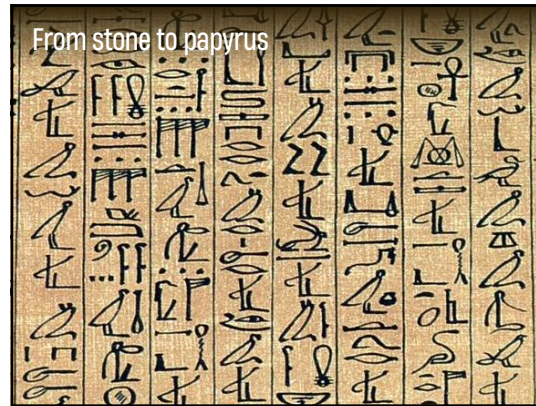
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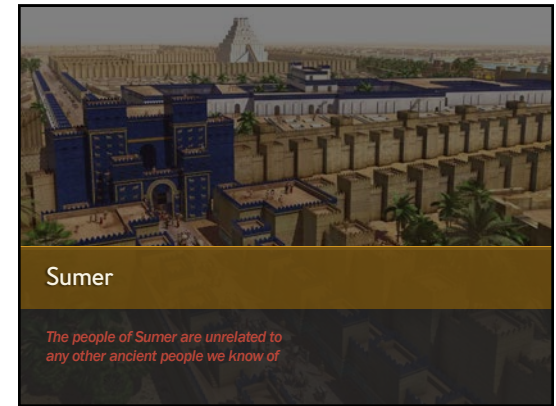
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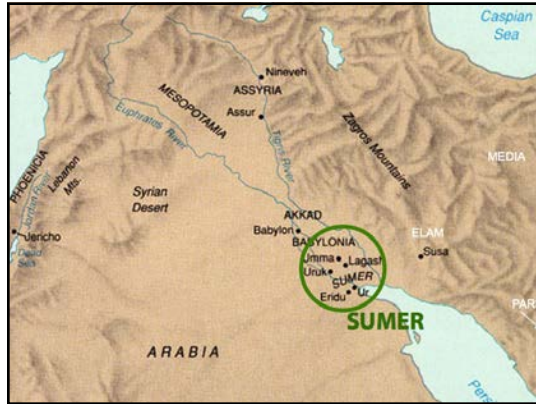
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Rivalry for resources → warfare



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The deluge



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Life and afterlife



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