

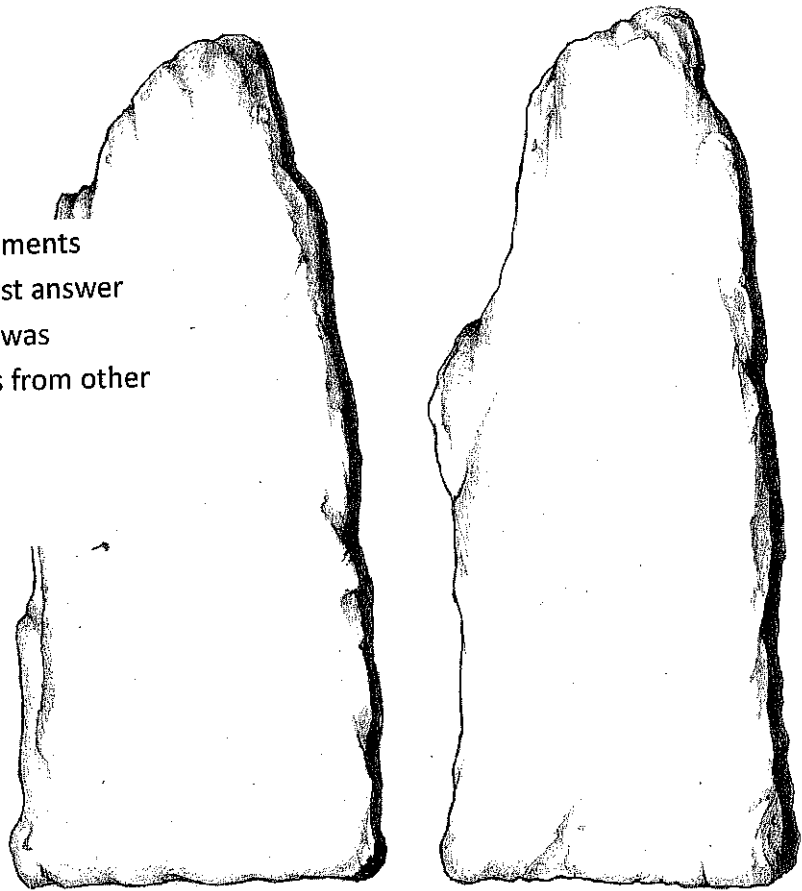
Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia

What were the most important achievements of the Mesopotamian empires?

PREVIEW

In ancient Mesopotamia, rulers recorded their greatest achievements on steles. A *stèle* (STEE-lee) is a stone slab on which an illustration or inscription has been carved.

Although you will focus on achievements of Mesopotamia in this reading, first answer this question about a failure: Why was Mesopotamia the target of attacks from other stronger civilizations?



Define empire =

Section 6.2

1. Around what year did the Akkadians conquer the Sumerian city-states? Who was their first leader?
2. In the stele to the right, draw and label pictures to illustrate the *military* achievements of the Akkadian Empire. Then complete these sentences:

This stele represents the Akkadian military achievement of . . .

This achievement was important because . . .



Section 6.3

1. In the stele to the right, draw and label pictures to illustrate the *cultural* achievements of the Akkadian Empire. Then complete these sentences:

This stele represents the Akkadian cultural achievement of . . .

This achievement was important because . . .

2. How long did the Akkadian Empire last? Why did it fall?



Section 6.4

1. Who was the next king to unite Mesopotamia after the fall of the Akkadian Empire, and where was his capital city?
2. In the stele to the right, draw and label pictures to illustrate the *political* achievements of the Babylonian Empire. Then complete these sentences:

This stele represents the Babylonian political achievement of . . .

This achievement was important because . . .



Section 6.5

1. In the stele to the right, draw and label pictures to illustrate the *economic* achievements of the Babylonian Empire. Then complete these sentences:

This stele represents the Babylonian economic achievement of . . .

This achievement was important because . . .



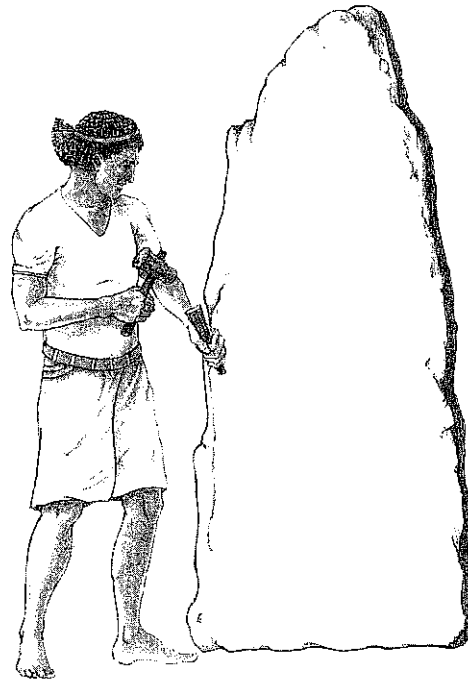
2. What rights did slaves and women have under Babylonian law?

Section 6.6

1. Where was Assyria located? Using the map in your book, describe the areas the Assyrian Empire conquered.
2. In the stele to the right, draw and label pictures to illustrate the *military* achievements of the Assyrian Empire. Then complete these sentences:

This stele represents the Assyrian military achievement of . . .

This achievement was important because . . .



Section 6.7

1. In the stele to the right, draw and label pictures to illustrate the *cultural* achievements of the Assyrian Empire. Then complete these sentences:

This stele represents the Assyrian cultural achievement of . . .

This achievement was important because . . .

2. How long did the Assyrian Empire last? Why did it fall?

