**Mesopotamia Vocabulary**

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| **Term and Definition**- **Underline or highlight key words in definition** | **Write 3 synonyms/examples for term** (cannot copy from definition) **OR a complete sentence using the term** (circle the term and show meaning of term in sentence) |
| **Mesopotamia-** geographic area located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers; means “land between two rivers” |   |
| **Sumer-** area in southern Mesopotamia where cities first appeared |    |
| **Fertile Crescent-** an arc-shaped region in Southwest Asia, with rich soil |    |
| **silt-** fine particles of rock that make soil fertile |    |
| **irrigation-** a way of supplying land with water |    |
| **levee-** a wall of Earth built to prevent a river from flooding its banks |    |
| **city-state-** an early town that was like a small, independent country with its own laws and government |   |
| **trade-** the business of buying, selling or exchanging items |    |
| **scribe-** a person who writes |    |
| **cuneiform-** the world’s first system of writing; developed in Sumer |    |
| **polytheism-** the belief in many gods |    |
| **civilization**- group of people living and working together for the purpose of creating an organized society |   |

\*\*There might not be synonyms/examples of some terms, so write sentences if finding true synonyms/examples is difficult.\*\*

\*\*Due Fri. 11/4 Create a title page: write the title (Mesopotamia) and your name in the middle of the page; pick 4 of your Mesopotamia Vocabulary words; draw a **colorful** picture of each of these 4 words; cover the entire paper with color (no white space); label each picture, showing which picture is for which Vocabulary word; you may design your page and place your pictures however you think looks best and is most creative.