**A SKILLED PEOPLE p.20-21**

**MAIN IDEA:** Sumerians invented \_\_writing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and made other important \_\_contributions\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to later people.

Why is Mesopotamia known as the “cradle of civilization?”

Their ideas & inventions were copied & improved by other civilizations, leaving a lasting mark on world history.

**WHY WAS WRITING IMPORTANT? p.20**

**cuneiform** –

hundreds of wedge shaped marks cut into damp clay tablets with a sharp-ended reed

**scribes** –

record keepers

Who were scribes?

mostly boys from wealthy families

What jobs did they have?

honored positions in society (judges, political leaders)

Sumerian greatest invention was…

writing

It allowed them to…

keep records

pass ideas to others

keep track of business deals

**SUMERIAN LITERATURE p.20**

Sumerians produced works of literature (stories).

Describe

King Gilgamesh traveled around the world with a friend to perform good deeds. Gilgamesh tried to find a way to live forever when his friend died. He learns it is only possible for the gods.

**ADVANCES IN SCIENCE AND MATH p.21**

Describe the achievements made in Science and Math.

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| * invented wagon wheel – carried goods
* plow – made faming easier
* sailboat
* geometry – measure fields/buildings
 | * number system based on 60
* 360 degree circle
* studied sky to tell time
* 12 month calendar
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**SARGON AND HAMMURABI p.23**

**MAIN IDEA:** Sumerian city-states lost \_\_\_power\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they were \_\_conquered\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by outsiders.

**Sargon**

**Hammurabi**

Hammurabi is best known for…

his law code or collection of laws

* took a law from each city & put them in one code
* covered crimes, farming, business, marriage, & family
* influenced later laws (Greek & Roman laws)

What is **Babylon**?

a city by the Euphrates River that quickly became the center of trade

Who is **Hammurabi**?

Babylonian king who conquered cities to the north/south and created the Babylonian Empire.