**THE CHALDEANS p.29-30**

**MAIN IDEA:** The Chaldean Empire built important \_landmarks\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Babylon & developed the first \_\_calendar\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a seven-day week.

**THE CITY OF BABYLON p.29-30**

Most Chaldeans were descendants (related to) of…Babylonians (Hammurabi)

Built for?

Nebuchadnezzar built them for his wife who missed her homeland.

Gardens consisted of…

trees, flowering vines, & beautiful plants

The Hanging Gardens are considered…(see caption)

One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

Irrigation system

* a pump brought water from the Euphrates
* water flowed from top to bottom down terraces

**Hanging**

**Gardens**

Describe the city of Babylon.

* glorious center of the empire
* world’s richest & largest city
* surrounded by a brick wall where soldiers kept watch in towers
* palaces & temples stood in city’s center – a 300 ft ziggurat

Science in Babylon

* believed changes in sky revealed plans of gods
* **astronomers –** people who study the stars, planets, & phases of the moon
* achievements –

sundial & calendar with a 7 day week

Trade in Babylon

* artisans sold their items to passing caravans
* **caravans –** groups of traveling merchants
* being on a major trade route made Babylon rich

**WHY DID THE EMPIRE FALL? p.30**

In 539 B.C., the Persians captured Babylon.

Chaldeans began to lose power & found it hard to control conquered people.