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## Dictionary

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# River Systems and Ancient Peoples



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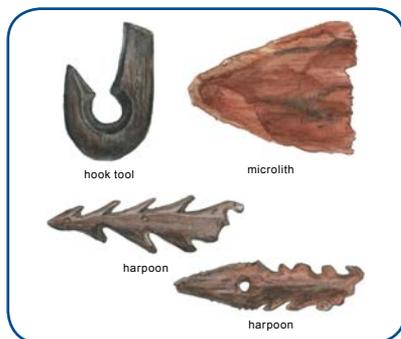
## alluvial

Material deposited by a stream or by running water.



## artifact

An object, such as a tool, made by humans.



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## cataract

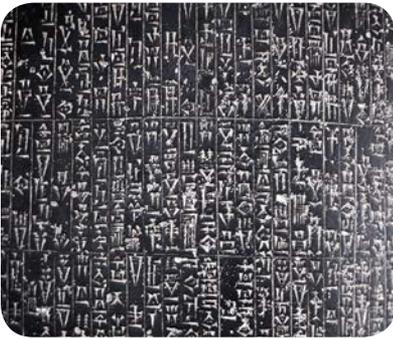
A series of steep rapids or a waterfall in a river.





## channel

The bed of a stream, river, or other waterway.



## code

A set of rules, principles, or laws (especially written ones).



## delta

A large, usually triangle-shaped area at the mouth of a river that gradually builds up as the river deposits sediments.



## deposition

The depositing or settling of rock or soil from one place to another.



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## erosion

The moving of rock and soil from place to place by wind, water, or ice.

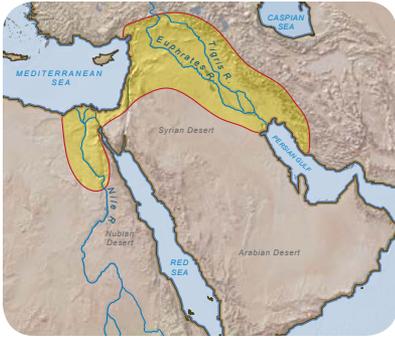


## F

## fertile (land)

Land with nutrient rich soils that produce abundant plant growth.





## Fertile Crescent

An area of rich land from the Nile River Valley to the Tigris and Euphrates River Valley.



## flood cycle

The periodic seasonal pattern of flooding in a river system.



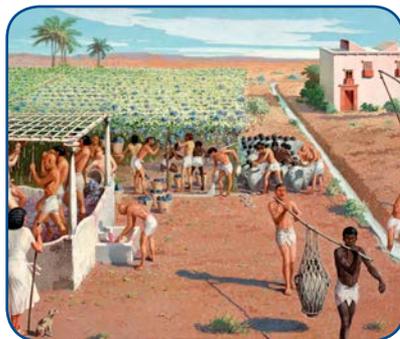
## floodplain

A flat area along a river that floods when water flows outside of a river's banks.

# H

## harvest

(verb) To catch or gather food or supplies, such as fish, crops, and timber. (noun) The act of gathering a crop or the food that is collected.



## headwaters

The springs or small streams that supply water where a river first starts.



# I

## irrigation

A system that supplies water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other means.



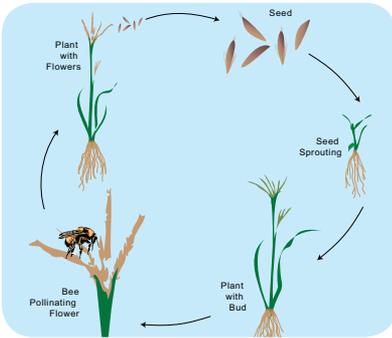
## Kush

The ancient Nubian Empire located at the fourth cataract of the Nile River.



## life cycle

The changes organisms go through as they develop from eggs or seeds to adults that reproduce before they die.



## meander

A winding section of a river or stream.



## Mesopotamia

A region of the ancient Middle East that is now modern Iraq.



## migration

The movement of animals, including humans, from one location to another.



## myth

A traditional story that explains how the world was created or why the world is the way that it is.





## pyramid

A structure with a square or rectangular base and four triangular sides that meet at an apex, such as those built as tombs in ancient Egypt.



## seasonal

(adj.) Describing an event or process that occurs during a particular time of the year.



## sediment

Stones, sand, and soil carried by water, wind, or glaciers.

## sedimentation

The settling of sand, rocks or other material carried by water, wind, or ice.



## T tributary

A small river or stream that flows into a larger one.



## W watershed

The land area that drains water into a particular body of water, such as a stream, river, lake, or ocean.





## ziggurat

A large temple tower with a pyramid-shaped building at the top, used in worship.









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