

Mesopotamia Cuneiform Activity

Reading Comprehension

One of the skills you are working on this year is "active reading." Use your highlighted, underlined, and annotated classroom copy of the Mesopotamia Cuneiform lesson to get more practice with that important skill and to answer the following additional questions. If your classroom copy of the lesson already has the answers underlined or highlighted, you are off to a GREAT start building strong reading and research skills.

Additional Questions: Please use complete sentences and do your best with spelling, grammar, and punctuation to answer the following additional questions. Thank you!

1. What are pictographs?
2. What ancient civilization invented cuneiform?
3. What types of things did these ancient people write down?
4. Why do archaeologists need time to translate cuneiform?



























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Cuneiform Translation




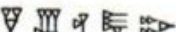
Use the cuneiform decoder below to get some practice translating ancient Sumerian writing.

Activity: Cuneiform Translation

Cuneiform

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Your job is to translate this ancient language to discover some famous people and places in ancient Mesopotamia. Good luck!

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