# River Valley Civilizations

| Origins          | 3500 BCE the first civilizations developed in River Valleys  
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|                  | Yearly flooding of rivers left behind silt deposits for fertile soil  
|                  | - Silt allowed for agriculture (farming)  
|                  | - Increased population  
|                  | - More complex cultures  

| India and China  | Indus River Valley in India  
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| Where did river valley civilizations developed in India and China? | - Harappa  
|                  | - Mohenjo-Daro  
|                  | Huang He (Yellow River) and Yangtze Rivers in China  
|                  | - Shang Dynasty  
|                  | - Zhou Dynasty  

| Mesopotamia      | Located in the Middle East  
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| Where is Mesopotamia and what is significant about its location? | "Land between two rivers"  
|                  | - Tigris  
|                  | - Euphrates  
|                  | Mesopotamia is also known as the Fertile Crescent  
|                  | Civilizations include the Sumerians and the Babylonians  
|                  | The Middle East is a crossroads between Africa, Asia, Europe  
|                  | Leads to cultural diffusion  
|                  | - Movement and exchange of people, goods, customs, and/or ideas.  
|                  | - Occurs through migration, trade, and war  

| Egypt            | Ancient Egyptians settled along the Nile River  
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| Where did the Egyptian river valley civilization develop? | - Flows north into the Nile Delta  
|                  | Egyptians traveled and traded on the Mediterranean Sea  