Study Guide: You Should Know the following information……

* Vocabulary lists for Mesopotamia part 1 and part 2.
* Mesopotamia means: land between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (two rivers)
* Which 2 rivers are in the area of Mesopotamia? (Tigris & Euphrates)
* The area of Mesopotamia is also called the Fertile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Crescent)
* Know all 3 of the famous Mesopotamian civilizations….
* Know what each civilization accomplished. For example: Sumerians- cuneiform, first schools, wheel, plows, number system of 60 that we use for time still today, etc. Babylonians- temples/ziggurats and buildings such as Gates of Ishtar and hanging Gardens of Babylon, first written laws, & study of astronomy. Assyrians-fierce warriors, iron weapons, battering ram, first library, full time army, etc.
* The first civilization was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Sumerians)
* They were able to control the flooding of the rivers by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (irrigation canals)
* The ancient form of writing was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, developed by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (cuneiform, Sumerians)
* The belief in many gods is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (polytheism)
* What were the first schools developed in Sumer like? Who could attend and what did they do at school? (very harsh-children could be beaten for not performing nearly perfect, only boys could attend and they studied writing cuneiform)
* Which civilization had skilled craftsmen and artisans? (Sumerians)
* Contracts and other written documents were signed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (cylinder seals)
* Be able to describe Hammurabi’s Code…. (was it harsh, easy, punishments?)( “eye for an eye”, first written laws meant to make things fair for all, but very strict and harsh)
* How did Hammurabi and his Babylonian Empire become rich? (trade and taking riches from conquered lands)
* What did the people sometimes use their rooftops for in ancient Mesopotamia? (sleeping and to escape the heat)
* Successful but ruthless Assyrian ruler was King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ II. (Sargon)
* What made the Assyrians such skilled warriors? (iron weapons, chariots, and a full time strong army)
* Where was there a famous library with lots of clay tablets of Sumer and Babylon writings? (this is an important source of information on Mesopotamia) {Nineveh}
* Under whose rule did the new or 2nd Babylonian Empire become a center of learning and science? (Nebuchadnezzar)
* Nebuchadnezzar built the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Hanging Gardens of Babylon)
* Who defeated the Chaldeans & the second Babylonian Empire? (Persians)

Know these people:

* Gilgamesh (legendary hero from an epic written by Sumerians)

* Nebuchadnezzar (king who created a powerful Babylon which became a great learning center and architectural success)