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My "I Can" Checklist for Unit 2: Mesopotamia

*Check off each skill as you master the standards.

The Rise of Sumerian City-States

Essential Question: How did geographic challenges lead to the rise of city-states in Mesopotamia?

- _____ I can describe the location and physical setting of Mesopotamia.
- _____ I can analyze and identify geographic problems affecting ancient Mesopotamians and evaluate/create potential solutions.
- _____ I can describe how Mesopotamians modified their physical environment to solve geographic problems.
- _____ I can explain how the development of agricultural techniques, such as irrigation systems, led to the emergence of Sumerian city-states.

Ancient Sumer

Essential Question: Why do historians classify ancient Sumer as a civilization?

- _____ I can define the term civilization.
- _____ I can identify and define the seven characteristics of a civilization.
- _____ I can analyze artifacts from ancient Sumer and explain how they are examples of the characteristics of civilization.
- _____ I can justify, with specific evidence for each major characteristic of a civilization, whether or not the Sumerians created a civilization by 3000 B.C.E.
- _____ I can apply the characteristics of civilization to modern-day society.

Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia

Essential Question: What were the most important achievements of the Mesopotamian empires?

- _____ I can identify the location of the Akkadian, Babylonian, Assyrian, and Neo-Babylonian Empires.
- _____ I can describe the military, economic, political, and cultural achievements of early Mesopotamian empires, such as Hammurabi's Code.
- _____ I can evaluate the importance of Mesopotamian achievements.