

CITIES IN MESOPOTAMIA CHECKLIST

1. Farmers lived outside the city walls.
2. The farmer's fields were near rivers.
3. Canals carried water from the rivers to irrigate the fields.
4. The farmers lived in small huts.
5. The farmers usually had a small garden and kept animals.
6. Each city had a road leading to its main gate.
7. A high wall surrounded the city.
8. The city was rectangular in shape.
9. Large streets were located next to the city walls.
10. Religious and military processions used the large streets.
11. The vast majority of people lived along narrow streets.
12. The houses were tightly packed together.
13. Artisans who practiced the same trade worked on the same street.
14. Each city had a central marketplace.
15. Artisans and merchants sold and traded their goods in the marketplace.
16. The rulers of the cities lived in large palaces.
17. The palaces of the city had large courtyards.
18. Statues near the palaces celebrated the greatness of the city.
19. Governmental buildings were near the palaces.
20. Military barracks were within the walls.
21. The largest building in the city was the Ziggurat.
22. Ziggurats were shaped like pyramids.
23. The sides of the Ziggurat were terraced and often had trees or shrubs growing on them.
24. At the top of each Ziggurat was a shrine.
25. The shrine at the top of the Ziggurat honored the city's most important god or goddess.