



Year 4 History - Summer Term 1: Ancient Civilisations



1. Features of a civilisation include cities, inventions, vital water supplies, information in the form of writing, leadership, infrastructure, social hierarchy, arts and culture, trade, individuals, organised religion and nutrition.

2. Archaeological finds provide evidence of everyday life in the past, including leisure activities, work, fashion, religious belief, writing, trade and conflict.



3. Ancient Sumer was the first civilisation in the world. It developed in the Fertile Crescent in Mesopotamia, c4500 BC, on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers



Who were the Sumerians and how have their inventions influenced modern day?

4. Food, farming and nutrition helped Sumer to develop, because crops grew well on the fertile land near the rivers. Farmers also developed new techniques and tools, which allowed them to produce surplus food.



5. Sumerian inventions include the wheel, the plough, cuneiform writing, moulded bricks, bronze and a numbering system which made life easier.

Civilisation	Sumer	Fertile Crescent	Astronomy	Hierarchy	Ziggurat
Silt	Port	Irrigation	Cuneiform	Invention	Artefacts