Mesopotamia Part 3 Study Guide

Empires of Mesopotamia

Quiz Wednesday 12/19

Key Terms and Important People:

1. Conquest:to defeat
2. Empire: a group of ruling states or territories controlled by one ruler
3. Emperor: ruler of an empire
4. Standing army: a permanent professional soldier
5. Tribute: a required payment from one ruler to a more powerful ruler
6. Code of Hammurabi: a collection of 282 laws
7. Hammurabi: ruler of babylon best known for his code of laws
8. Sargon: leader of the Akkadians who overran the Sumerian city-state and set up the first empire
9. Nebuchadnezzar: A Babylonian king who conquered Jerusalem,and built the Hanging Gardens of Babylon
10. Hittities: group of people who lived in modern-day Turkey and northern Syria and were the first to master making iron tools and weapons
11. Ashurbanipal: Assyrian king who gathered writing tablets from many lands and created the first library

Key Concepts:

1. Akkadian Empire
   1. Ruled by Sargon
   2. Ambitious leader that conquered all of Mesopotamian city-city states
2. Babylonian Empire
   1. Ruled by Hammurabi
   2. Created Hammurabi’s Code
      1. Rules for crimes, business, farming, marriage, and family
      2. Posted laws for all to see
      3. Known as an “eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth”
      4. Meant to limit punishments and do away with blood feuds
      5. Protected less powerful
3. Assyrian Empire
   1. Well trained and disciplined soldiers
   2. Robbed people, set fire to crops, and destroyed towns
   3. Took tributes and forced people from their homes
   4. Success was from iron weapons
   5. Built roads with guard stations
   6. Built library with lots of stories
4. Chaldean Empire or New Babylonean Empire
   1. Nabopolassar led riot to take back empire
   2. Son Nebuchandnezzar helps
   3. Created new temples and palaces
   4. Built the Hanging Garden
   5. High taxes to pay for projects
   6. Scientific achievements
      1. Believed that god showed plans in the changes in the sky
      2. Astronomers studied heavenly bodies
      3. Mapped stars, planets, and phases of the moon
      4. Created sundials to tell time
      5. Followed a seven day week