

## Cluster 2

# Early Societies of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley



Students will...

### 8.2.1 Overview of Early Civilizations

- 8-KG-038** Identify defining characteristics of societies in Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus Valley, and China from 3500 to 500 BCE.
- 8-VH-009** Appreciate the historical significance of early societies.  
*Examples: adaptations for survival, enduring human aspirations, origins of social and political structures...*

### 8.2.2 Interaction with the Natural Environment

- 8-KL-023** Locate on a map the major landforms, bodies of water, and population clusters of a society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.
- 8-KL-024** Give examples of the influence of the natural environment on ways of life in an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.
- 8-KE-054** Describe technologies and tools in an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.  
*Examples: animal and crop domestication, irrigation, construction, weapons, transportation...*
- 8-VE-017** Appreciate the ideas and technologies of early societies.

### 8.2.3 Living in an Early Society

- 8-KI-013** Describe life for various groups in an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.  
*Examples: priests, scribes, traders, peasants, slaves...*
- 8-KH-029** Identify people, events, and ideas in an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.
- 8-KP-045** Describe governance in an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.  
*Examples: military organization, political structures...*

### 8.2.4 Communication and Art in an Early Society

- 8-KI-014** Describe the art, architecture, and science of an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.
- 8-KH-030** Describe the impact and significance of the development of writing in an early society of Mesopotamia, Egypt, or the Indus Valley.
- 8-VH-010** Value the study of early societies as a way of understanding contemporary life.