

CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANCIENT CULTURES

BABYLONIA	by Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in Mesopotamia pottery, artifacts made of bronze and gold ruler/priests kept written records using <i>cuneiform</i> Code of Hammurabi—written law
EGYPT	along Nile River irrigation systems written records using <i>hieroglyphics</i> and first paper strong government and laws built pyramids
PHOENICIA	sent trade ships all around the Mediterranean their <i>alphabet</i> inspired the Greek alphabet
GREECE	independent-thinking <i>democracy</i> humanist philosophy (“Man is the measure of all things”) science and math—Pythagoras opened trade routes to China—beginning of world economy Alexander the Great conquered Babylonia, Persia, and into India
ROMAN EMPIRE	Julius Caesar conquered Gaul (France) and became emperor Augustus Caesar began the Pax Romana—200 years of peace <i>architects and engineers</i> built roads, bridges, aqueducts still standing fast movement of troops, mail, and trade goods forts built in line of sight for rapid communication, early warnings choice for conquered lands: cooperate or be crushed