



# History – Year 5 Summer 1 Ancient Sumer

Vocabulary		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
wheel	civilisation	Mesopotamia
writing	irrigation	ziggurats
river	government	Polytheism
boat	settlement	Gilgamesh
temple	architecture	Uruk
invention	society	scribe

● don't know    
 ● I know this word    
 ● I can use it in a sentence

### Useful Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zda72v4>  
<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-middle-east/sumer>

Date	Event
5000 BC	People begin to move into the area of Mesopotamia we call Sumer
4000BC	The Sumerians begin building temples for their gods. By 2100 BC, these become monuments called ziggurat.
3500BC	The wheel is invented, at first for potter's wheels. Later, it is used for chariots.
3300BC	Pottery starts to be mass-produced. The Sumerians start to inscribe symbols on clay tablets
3000BC	The Sumerians start to use mathematics. Looms are used to weave fabric.
2700BC	Gilgamesh becomes the 5th king of Uruk. He features in some of the most important Sumerian myths and legends
2500BC	The Royal Standard of Ur and Royal Game of Ur are made.
2330BC	The Sumerian people are conquered by the Akkadians.

### Key Facts

**Location:** Ancient Sumer was in **Mesopotamia** (modern-day Iraq).

**First Cities:** They built some of the world's first cities, like **Ur, Uruk, and Lagash**.

**Writing:** The Sumerians created **cuneiform**, one of the earliest writing systems.

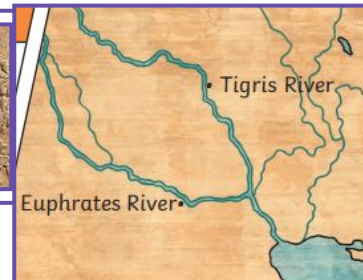
**Inventions:** They invented the **wheel, plough, and first sailboats**.

**Government:** They had **kings and city-states** with their own rulers.

**Religion:** They believed in **many gods (polytheism)** and built **ziggurats** (temple towers).

**Farming:** They used **irrigation** to grow crops like **barley, wheat, and dates**.

**Trade:** Sumerians traded goods like **cloth, grain, and metal tools**.



### History Timeline

