

<b>Mesopotamia</b>	
Lesson Title:	The Fertile Crescent
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Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Student will understand that the Fertile Crescent was the home of many early civilizations because the region possessed abundant natural resources.</li> </ul>
2011 Florida Next Generation Standards	<p><b>SS.6.G.3.1</b> Explain how the physical landscape has affected the development of agriculture and industry in the ancient world.</p> <p><b>SS.6.G.3.2</b> Analyze the impact of human populations on the ancient world's ecosystems.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.1.1</b> Use timelines to identify chronological order of historical events.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.1.2</b> Identify terms (decade, century, epoch, era, millennium, BC/BCE, AD/CE) and designations of time periods.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.2.1</b> Compare the lifestyles of hunter-gatherers with those of settlers of early agricultural communities.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.2.3</b> Identify the characteristics of civilization.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.2.4</b> Compare the economic, political, social, and religious institutions of ancient river civilizations.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.2.7</b> Summarize the important achievements of Mesopotamian civilization.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.2.8</b> Determine the impact of key figures from ancient Mesopotamian civilizations.</p> <p><b>SS.6.G.2.3</b> Analyze the relationship of physical geography to the development of ancient river valley civilizations.</p> <p><b>SS.6.G.2.6</b> Explain the concept of cultural diffusion, and identify the influences of different ancient cultures on one another.</p> <p><b>SS.6.G.6.2</b> Compare maps of the world in ancient times with current political maps.</p> <p><b>SS.6.W.1.6</b> Describe how history transmits culture and heritage and provides models of human character.</p>
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the Fertile Crescent on Google Earth and show demonstrate how the modern satellite image indicates that the region is wetter than the lands surrounding it.</li> <li>Identify the nations that comprise the Fertile Crescent on a political map of the region.</li> <li>Complete Mesopotamia assignment on the Fertile Crescent</li> <li>You Tube Video: the Fertile Crescent (0:59)  <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP8S2DIBMY4">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP8S2DIBMY4</a>  (not a strong video, but it is very short and identifies the region)</li> </ul>
Text and Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mesopotamia assignment 1</li> <li>Google Earth</li> <li>Political Map of Region</li> <li>You Tube</li> <li><b>HOMEWORK:</b> Mesopotamia assignment on Civilization</li> </ul>