# Mesopotamia

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<th>The Fertile Crescent</th>
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<td>Objective:</td>
<td>• The Student will understand that the Fertile Crescent was the home of many early civilizations because the region possessed abundant natural resources.</td>
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| 2011 Florida Next Generation Standards | **SS.6.G.3.1** Explain how the physical landscape has affected the development of agriculture and industry in the ancient world.  
**SS.6.G.3.2** Analyze the impact of human populations on the ancient world's ecosystems.  
**SS.6.W.1.1** Use timelines to identify chronological order of historical events.  
**SS.6.W.1.2** Identify terms (decade, century, epoch, era, millennium, BC/BCE, AD/CE) and designations of time periods.  
**SS.6.W.2.1** Compare the lifestyles of hunter-gatherers with those of settlers of early agricultural communities.  
**SS.6.W.2.3** Identify the characteristics of civilization.  
**SS.6.W.2.4** Compare the economic, political, social, and religious institutions of ancient river civilizations.  
**SS.6.W.2.7** Summarize the important achievements of Mesopotamian civilization.  
**SS.6.W.2.8** Determine the impact of key figures from ancient Mesopotamian civilizations.  
**SS.6.G.2.3** Analyze the relationship of physical geography to the development of ancient river valley civilizations.  
**SS.6.G.2.6** Explain the concept of cultural diffusion, and identify the influences of different ancient cultures on one another.  
**SS.6.G.6.2** Compare maps of the world in ancient times with current political maps.  
**SS.6.W.1.6** Describe how history transmits culture and heritage and provides models of human character. |
| Activities: | • 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.  
• Identify the nations that comprise the Fertile Crescent on a political map of the region.  
• Complete Mesopotamia assignment on the Fertile Crescent.  
• You Tube Video: the Fertile Crescent (0:59)  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP8S2DiBMY4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP8S2DiBMY4)  
(not a strong video, but it is very short and identifies the region) |
| Text and Materials: | • Mesopotamia assignment 1  
• Google Earth  
• Political Map of Region  
• You Tube  
• **HOMEWORK:** Mesopotamia assignment on Civilization |