

## Chapter 2: (Ancient Near East) Guided Reading Questions

1. In the ancient Near East, why was there a need to control the water supply of the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers?
2. What major cultural shift took place between 4000 BCE and 3000 BCE?
3. How was the ancient Near Eastern city-state created?
4. Why was Mesopotamia vulnerable to political upheaval?
5. How did agriculture change the face of culture in the Fertile Crescent?
6. What types of arts flourished in early cities?
7. How was the Ziggurat constructed and what purpose did it serve?
8. What types of stories do the registers found near the temple complex of Inanna at Uruk tell?
9. What is the traditional convention of the Sumerian votive figure?
10. How is trade exemplified in *The Great Lyer with Bull's Head*?
11. What story does the *Stele of Naram-Sin* tell?
12. How is Gudea generally portrayed and why is his face so familiar?
13. How did Assurnasirpal II improve his empire?
14. What makes the palace complex of Sargon so extensive?
15. How does the imperial complex at Persepolis use the rectangular grid system?
16. What types of Persian art shows their high level of technical and artistic sophistication?