**Study Guide for Friday’s Quiz**

**Terms to know:**

1. Fertile Crescent - One of the first river civilizations in Southwest Asia or modern day Iraq

2. Hammurabi – King of the Babylonians who created a law code

3. Sumer – the first Mesopotamian civilization

4. Hunter-gatherers - people whose food supply depends on hunting animals and collecting plant foods.

5. Monotheism - the worship of one god

6. Polytheism - the worship of many gods

7. Culture - a people’s unique way of life, as shown by its tools, customs, arts, and ideas.

8. City-State – a city and the surrounding territory

9. Mesopotamia - “the land between two rivers”

**Be able to answer the following questions:**

1. What were three contributions of the Phoenicians?

Alphabet, purple dye, glass beads

3. Why was Mesopotamia such a good area for growing crops?

The flooding of the rivers brought fertile soil to what was a desert area

4. What was the purpose of Hammurabi’s Code?

To bring law and order to society

6. What rivers were important to the civilizations of Mesopotamia?

The Tigris and Euphrates

7. Why was Mesopotamia hard to defend against invaders?

It was located on a plain with no natural protection like mountains.

8. How did the Sumerians get water to their crops?

Irrigation systems

9. What was the common writing system of Mesopotamia?

Cuneiform

10. What was a disadvantage of Hammurabi’s Code?

Punishments were different for men and women and the rich and poor

11. What was a ziggurat used for?

Storage, protection from invaders and a meeting place

12. Who were the Purple People?

The Phoenicians

13. Why were the first governments formed?

The organization of government was needed to build irrigation systems.

14. What was the basis of the Phoenician economy?

Trade