

Mesopotamia



- Hammurabi's Code

Do Now



Why does a society need laws?

Describe a world without laws as part of your answer.

Learning Targets and *Intentions of the Lesson*



- ***Students Will Be Able to:***

- 1. *KNOW*** the significance the Code of Hammurabi.
- 2. *UNDERSTAND*** and evaluate the positive and negative effects of the Code of Hammurabi on future civilizations.
- 3. Complete a short assessment on the consequences of selected laws in Hammurabi's legal doctrine. (*SKILLS*).**

Laws



- Code of Hammurabi

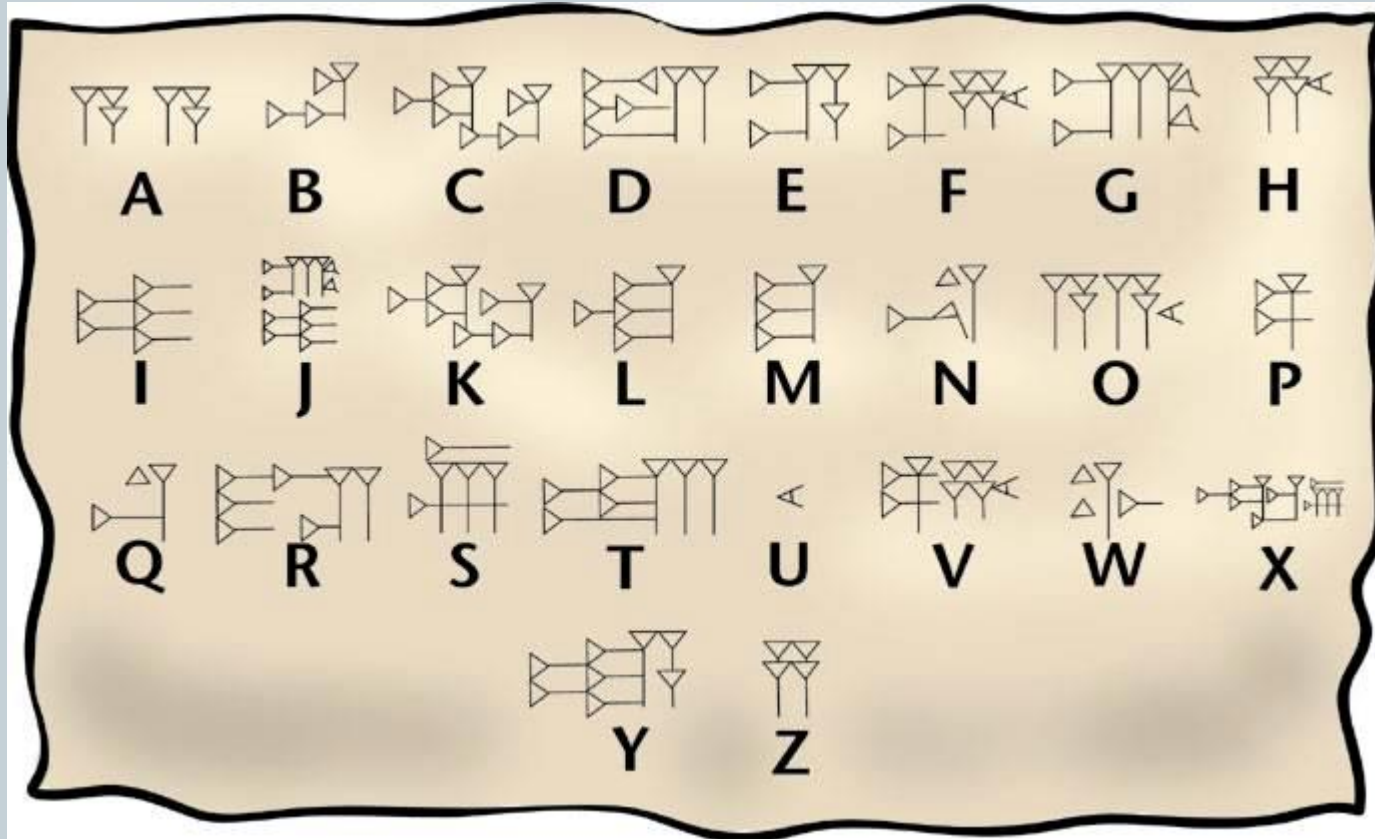
Hammurabi



- King of Babylon
 - Babylonians overtook Sumerians around 2000 BC
- In 1790, Hammurabi developed a **written** code of laws
- “Eye for an eye”
- Remember: Mesopotamians developed the world’s first **WRITING** system
 - Cuneiform



Cuneiform



Stele of Hammurabi



Code of Hammurabi



- [Video Clip - Hammurabi's Code - influences today](#)

You be the Judge



- What should be done to the carpenter who builds a house that falls and kills the owner?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 229



- If a builder builds a house for a man and does not make its construction sound, and the house which he has built collapses and causes the death of the owner of the house, the builder shall be put to death.

You be the Judge



- What should be done when a "sister of god" (or nun) enters the wine shop for a drink?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 110



- If a "sister of god" (nun) who is not living in a convent opens a wine shop or enters a wine shop for a drink, they shall burn that woman.

You be the Judge



- What happens if a man is unable to pay his debts?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 117



- If a man be in debt and is unable to pay his creditors, he shall sell his wife, son, or daughter, or bind them over to service. For three years they shall work in the houses of their purchaser or master; in the fourth year they shall be given their freedom.

You be the Judge



- What happens to the wine seller who fails to arrest bad characters gathered at her shop?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 109



- If bad characters gather in the house of a wine seller and she does not arrest those characters and bring them to the palace, that wine seller shall be put to death.

You be the Judge



- What should be done about a wife who ignores her duties and belittles her husband?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 143



- If the woman has not been careful but has gadded about, neglecting her house and belittling her husband, they shall throw that woman into the water.

You be the Judge



- What should be done if a son is adopted and then the birth-parents want him back?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 185



- If a man takes in his own home a young boy as a son and rears him, one may not bring claim for that adopted son.

You be the Judge



- What should happen to a boy who slaps his father?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 195



- If a son strike his father, his hands shall be hewn off.

You be the Judge



- How is the truth determined when one man brings an accusation against another?

Hammurabi's Ruling: Code 2



- If any one bring an accusation against a man, and the accused go to the river and leap into the river, if he sink in the river his accuser shall take possession of his house. But if the river prove that the accused is not guilty, and he escape unhurt, then he who had brought the accusation shall be put to death, while he who leaped into the river shall take possession of the house that had belonged to his accuser.

Grab a Textbook!!



- Open to page 32
- Read the section: Turning Point – Hammurabi’s Code
- Answer questions 1 and 2 in complete sentences on your own properly headed paper
- Turn in when you are done