

Earliest Civilisations

What you've learnt already

- Stone Age to Iron Age – inventions and achievements of the civilisations.

Choices

Where would you choose to live?

What would you include if you created your own civilisation?

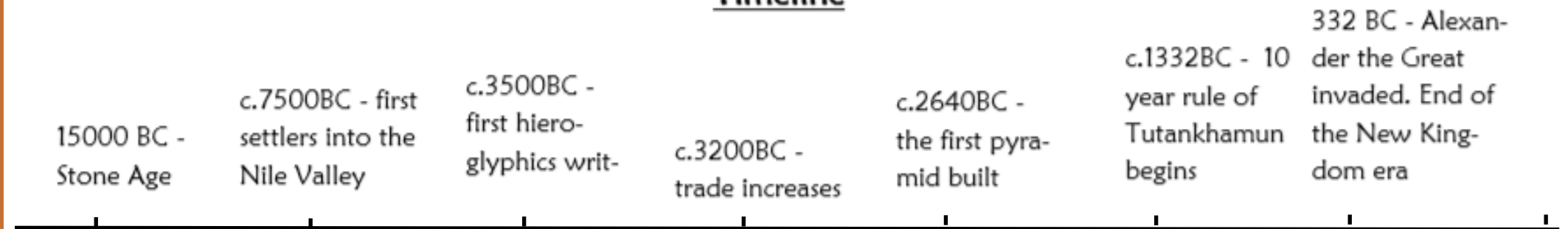
Which key achievement do you think is the most important?

How would you rule your civilisation?

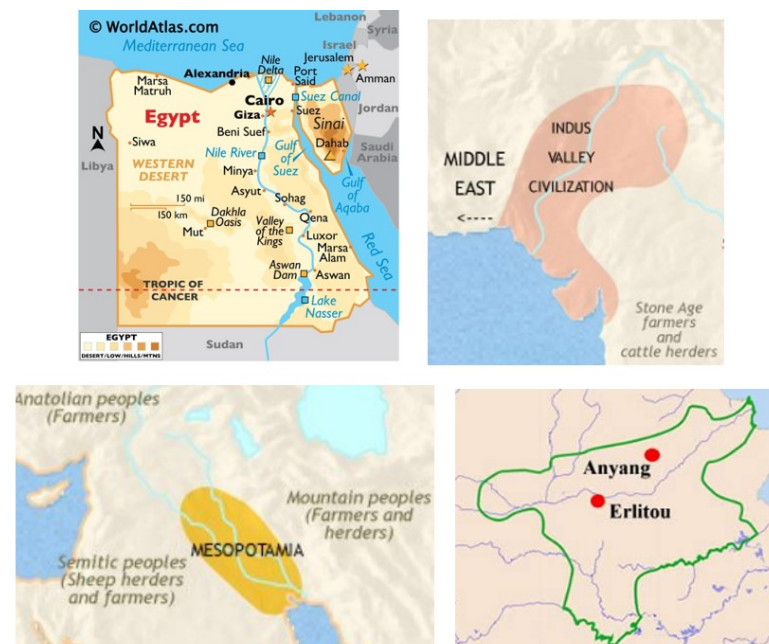
Key Vocabulary

Civilisation	- a group of people with their own languages and way of life
Agriculture	- the practice of farming
Achievement	– something done successfully with effort and skill
Significant	– something important worthy of attention
Theocratic	– form of government where Gods are in charge
King	- a male ruler

Timeline



Map



Key Facts and Dates

4 earliest civilisations are:
 Mesopotamia (Ancient Sumer)
 Indus Valley
 Ancient Egypt
 Shang Dynasty of China
 All were located in fertile river valleys which allowed for agriculture

The key achievements of the 4 civilisations are:
 Ancient Sumer – the wheel
 Indus Valley – town planning
 Ancient Egypt – irrigation
 Shang Dynasty - writing
 Each civilisation was ruled by a king
 Sumer, Indus and Egypt were all ruled based from religion

Lesson Sequence

L1	To identify where and when the first civilisations appeared.
L2	To understand key achievements of early civilisations.
L3	To explore how the early civilisations were ruled.

Famous Figures

Mesopotamia: Sargon of Akkad
 Indus Valley Civilization: Priest-King
 Ancient Egypt: Queen Hatshepsut
 Shang Dynasty of China: Fu Hao



UNIT

Why were rivers/water important for agriculture?	What is a civilisation?	What does agriculture mean?	What does achievement mean?
Can you describe where the civilisations lived on a map?	What was important about the location of all civilisations? What were they all close to?	What did the Ancient Egyptians achieve or invent?	What does theocratic mean?
What did the Ancient Sumer people achieve or invent?	Can you name 4 civilisations?	What did the Indus Valley people achieve or invent?	What did the Shang Dynasty achieve or invent?
Can you name the famous rulers from each civilisation?	What were the key achievements of all the civilisations?	Describe how each civilisation was ruled.	Compare the beliefs of the different civilisations.

One Point

Two Points

Three Points

Four Points