

Section 1: Land Between Two Rivers  
The Fertile Crescent

## Section Quiz

### A. Key Terms

**Directions:** Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

**Column I**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. belief in many gods
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. professional writer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. a region in southwest Asia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. a traditional story
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. city with its own traditions, government, and laws

**Column II**

- a. scribe
- b. polytheism
- c. myth
- d. Fertile Crescent
- e. city-state

### B. Main Ideas

**Directions:** Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Why were scribes important people in Sumer?
  - a. They had acquired large amounts of land.
  - b. They refused to teach anyone else how to read.
  - c. They negotiated treaties between the city-states.
  - d. They kept records for the kings and priests.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. What attracted people to the Fertile Crescent?
  - a. convenient navigation
  - b. rich soil
  - c. cool temperatures
  - d. religious temples
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Although Sumerian city-states shared language and culture, how were they independent?
  - a. different architecture
  - b. each had own government
  - c. no travel between city-states
  - d. no trade with each other
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What was the main cause of wars between the Sumerian city-states?
  - a. disputes over land and water
  - b. exhausted armies
  - c. religious disagreements
  - d. theft of livestock
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A Sumerian ziggurat was made of terraces, because
  - a. it was architecturally unstable.
  - b. Sumerian society had many classes.
  - c. multiple crop growth was better.
  - d. it was the gods' ladder.