**Ancient Fertile Crescent Vocabulary**

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*Directions: Write in the definition for each vocabulary word using* ***pp 117-149 in the Eastern World*** *textbook*

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| **Vocabulary Word** | **Definition** | **Picture or sentence** |
| **Fertile Crescent (p117)** | A large arc of rich and fertile farmland between Asia Minor and the Persian Gulf |  |
| **Irrigation (p118)** | A way of supplying water to an area of land |  |
| **Canals (p118)** | Human-made waterways |  |
| **Division of Labor (p118)** | Type of arrangement in which each worker specializes in a particular task or job |  |
| **Sumer (p122)** | The world’s first civilization, located in Mesopotamia |  |
| **City-state (p122)** | A central city and all the countryside around it |  |
| **Empire (p123)** | A land with different territories and peoples under a single rule |  |
| **Polytheism (p124)** | The worship of many gods |  |
| **Social Hierarchy (p125)** | The division of society by rank or class |  |
| **Cuneiform (p127)** | The world’s first writing system |  |
| **Scribe (p128)** | A writer |  |
| **Epics (p128)** | Long poems that tell stories of heroes |  |
| **Architecture (p130)** | The science of building |  |
| **Babylon (p132)** | Ancient city that conquered Mesopotamia located on the Euphrates near what is now Baghdad, Iraq |  |
| **Hammurabi’s Code (p133)** | A set of 282 laws that dealt with almost every part of daily life |  |
| **Judaism (p144)** | The Hebrew’s religion |  |
| **Exodus (p145)** | The journey Moses took to lead his people out of Egypt |  |
| **Monotheism (p147)** | The belief in one god |  |
| **Torah (p148)** | The most sacred text of Judaism |  |
| **Rabbi (p149)** | Religious leaders |  |