

History
Where civilisation began
Book: Exploring the First Civilisations
Pages 4-7

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In this segment, we are going to think about Mesopotamia, where some of the first civilisations began and learn about the people who lived there.

You will need to go to pages 4-5 of the book.

Part 1

Look at the map of Mesopotamia on pages 4 and 5. Now, find Mesopotamia on a modern map. What modern countries exist in the area that was once Mesopotamia?

Answer ...

Iraq, and parts of Kuwait, Turkey and Syria

Why do you think the people of Mesopotamia lived near rivers?

Answer ...

Answers could include: To be near forests / food / animals / water

Now turn to pages 6-7 of the book

Part 2

Why do you think there were a lot of wars in Mesopotamia? Why were different people forced to live close to each other?

Answer ...

The land near the rivers was the best land - it was fertile and there was water nearby, but there was not a lot of this land, so people fought over it.

People lived close together so they could be close to the water and the best land.

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