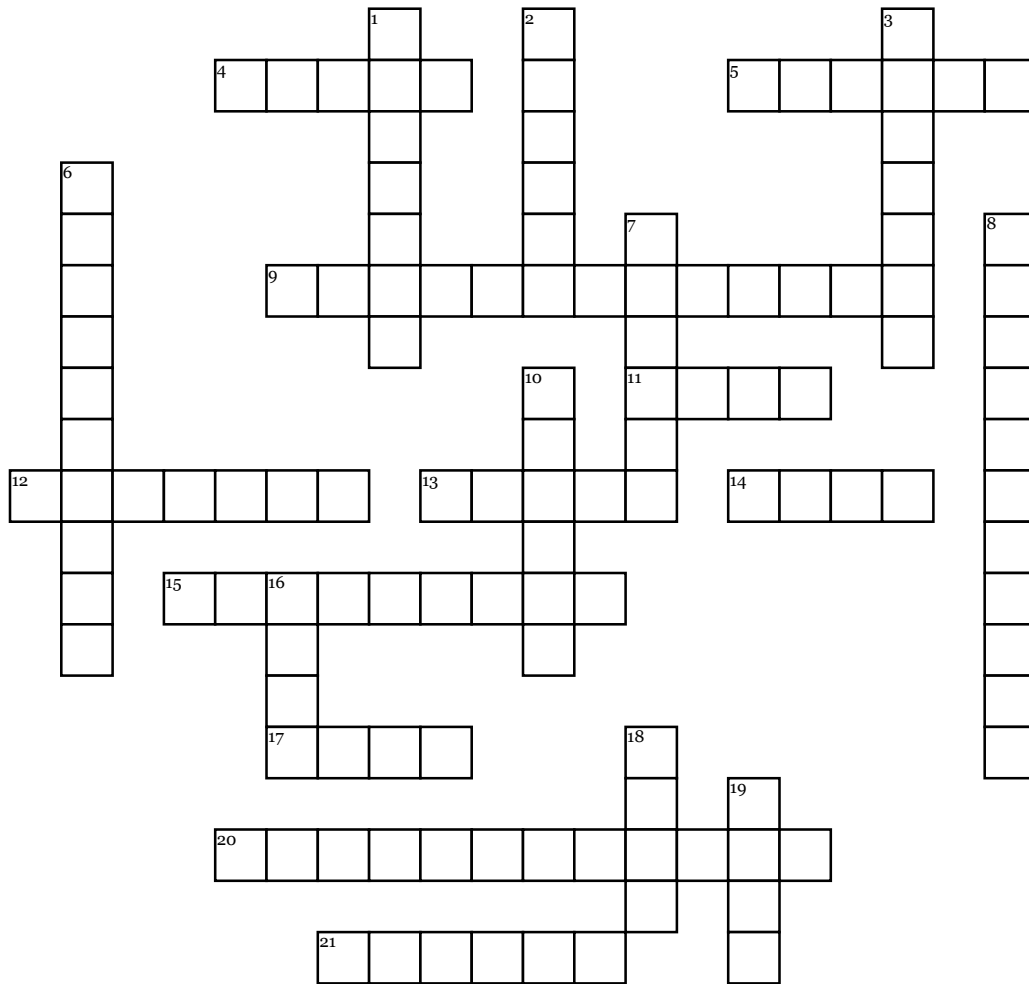


Mesopotamia Crossword Puzzle by Nadia Gaydos



Across

4. The Sumerians wrote on clay because they didn't know how to make _____.

5. The southern part of Mesopotamia was called "Sumer" after the Sumerian nomads who settled in the valleys of the T_____s and Euphrates rivers.

9. Mesopotamia was located in the eastern part of the "Fertile Crescent" an arch of fertile land that stretched from the M_____d _____n Sea to the Persian Gulf.

11. In the method of cuneiform writing, about 600 different symbols were drawn on soft _____y tablets which eventually became hard.

12. In Sumer most people were F_____s.

13. The farmers grew grain, vegetables, and dates, and raised cows, sheep, and _____ts.

14. The Sumerians, like many other ancient civilizations, believed in "polytheism"-the worship of many g_____s.

15. Rather than destroying the early civilization of Mesopotamia, begun by the _____r____s, the invaders adopted Sumerian ways and build upon them in years which followed.

17. Individual city-states sometimes fought _____s against each other.

20. Archaeologists believe that the oldest C_____z_____n on earth began in Mesopotamia.

21. The Sumerians feared their gods because they believed that the gods had the power to destroy their cities with F_____.

Down

1. The Sumerians divided a circle into 360 degrees, an hour into 60 minutes, and a minute into 60 _____o_____.

2. To please the gods, a T_____p_____e with a massive step-tower called a "ziggurat"-was erected in the center of each city.

3. It is believed that the Sumerians were the first people on earth to invent a system of W_____n_____.

6. Each of the C_____s-S_____s of Sumer were thought to belong to a different god or gods.

7. Houses were made out of sun-dried B_____s.

8. Weakened by lack of unity, the city-states of Sumer were conquered by Hammurabi and other invaders who periodically swept into Me_____a.

10. There were three social classes in Sumer: (1) Priests, government officials, and wealthy nobles (2) merchants and artisans (3) peasants and S_____s.

16. They also invented the arch to support heavy walls over doorways and windows, and they made the world's first p_____ to prepare their fields for planting.

18. Early farming villages grew into 12 "city-states," each consisting of a C_____t_____ and it's surrounding farmlands.

19. Only upper class B_____ received an education.

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Writing

Clay

Farmers

Floods

Seconds

Slaves

Temple

Plow

City-States

Paper

Bricks

Civilization

Wars

Mediterranean

Boys

Euphrates

City

Gods

Tigris

Mesopotamia

Goats