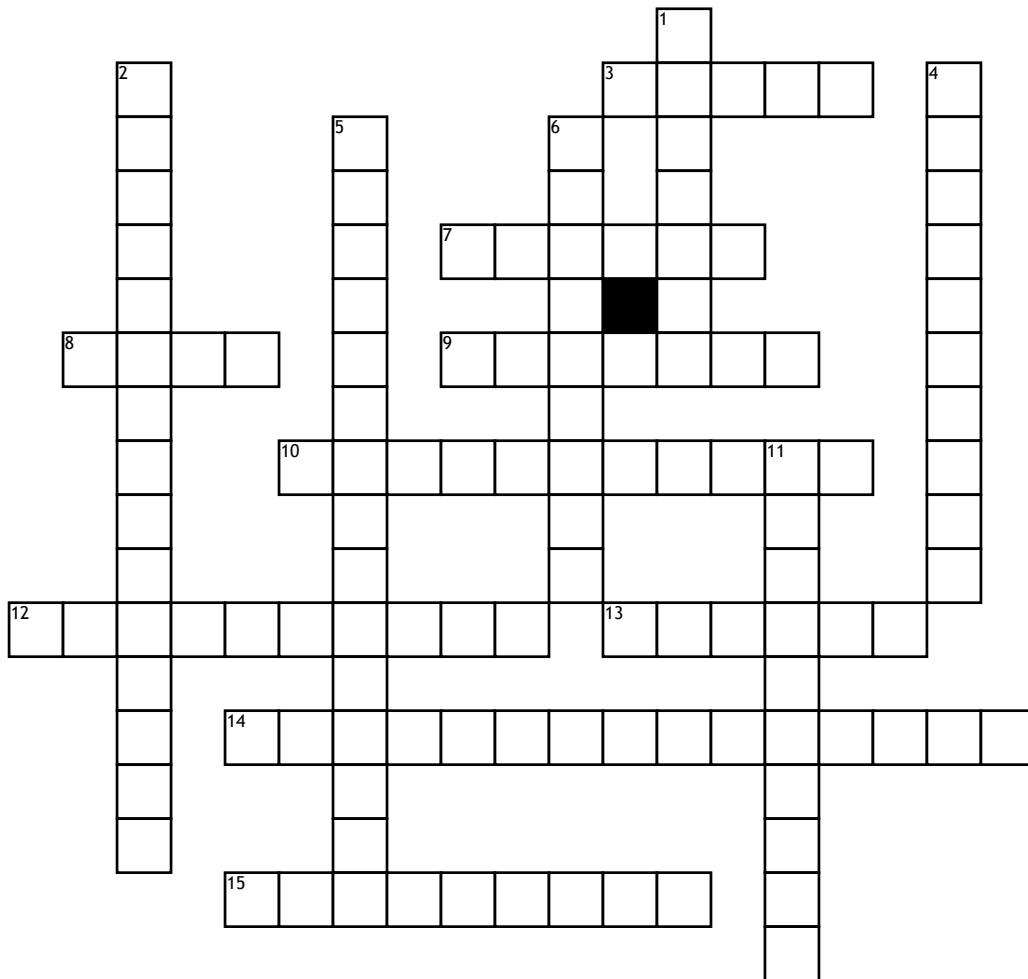


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# The Fertile Crescent



**Across**

- 3. area of Mesopotamia where the world's first civilization was developed
- 7. human-made waterway
- 8. a mix of rich soil and small rocks
- 9. people who performed religious ceremonies
- 10. between two rivers
- 12. the worship of many gods

- 13. land with different territories and people under single rule
  - 14. a division of society by rank or class
  - 15. a political unit consisting of a city and the surrounding countryside
- Down**
- 1. more of something than is needed
  - 2. an arrangement in which people specialize in specific tasks

- 4. the worship of on only one god
- 5. a large arc of rich farmland extending from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea
- 6. the Sumerian system of writing which used symbols to represent basic posts of words
- 11. a way of supplying water to an area of land

**Word Bank**

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|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|
| canals      | city-state | Fertile Crescent | social hierarchy  |
| cuneiform   | surplus    | silt             | division of labor |
| Mesopotamia | monotheism | polytheism       | priests           |
| irrigation  | Sumer      | empire           |                   |