

**TEACHER REFERENCE GUIDE: Handout 3- River Valley Civilizations Graphic Organizer**

	Mesopotamia-Sumer	Indus	Egypt	Yellow River
Dense Population <i>(more people in smaller space)</i>	8 large cities	yes, two cities	yes, in Nile Delta, Memphis	walled villages
Agricultural Economy <i>(farming as main activity)</i>	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cities	8 large cities	Mohenjo Dara, Harappa	Memphis	Anyang
Complex Social Hierarchy <i>(levels of power)</i>	major temples, King Sargon	not clear, but two main cities... probably	yes, pharaoh, scribes, trade	yes, dynasty, Shang family, trade, elite class, tombs
Occupational Specialization <i>(special jobs needing certain skills)</i>	yes farmers, scribes, priests	farming, sculptors	scribes	trade, weapons, scribes
Centralized State <i>(a main authority making decisions)</i>	yes... King Sargon	not clear, but two main cities	yes, pharaoh	Shang dynasty, elite class
Architecture <i>(monument building)</i>	major temples	sewage system	no mention here, but probably	walled villages, tombs
Writing System	mention of scribes	yes, script	hieroglyphics	ancient Chinese script
Belief System <i>(religion or other cultural system of shared beliefs)</i>	several gods with temples	early Hindu gods, maybe	not clear in text	not clear, maybe human sacrifice