

# DOINGWHATWORKS



SAMPLE MATERIAL

## Classroom “Do Now” and “Exit Tickets”

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**Topic:** Adolescent Literacy

**Practice:** Comprehension Strategies

Megan Montgomery, a sixth-grade social studies teacher, scaffolds her class’ learning about Sumerian civilization by using motivating “Do Now” questions at the beginning of class and having students complete “Exit Ticket” questions at the end of class to check for understanding.

Social Studies

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Do Now/Exit Tickets

MONDAY

DO NOW

Scientists sometimes describe a society or group of humans as "highly civilized." What do you think this means?

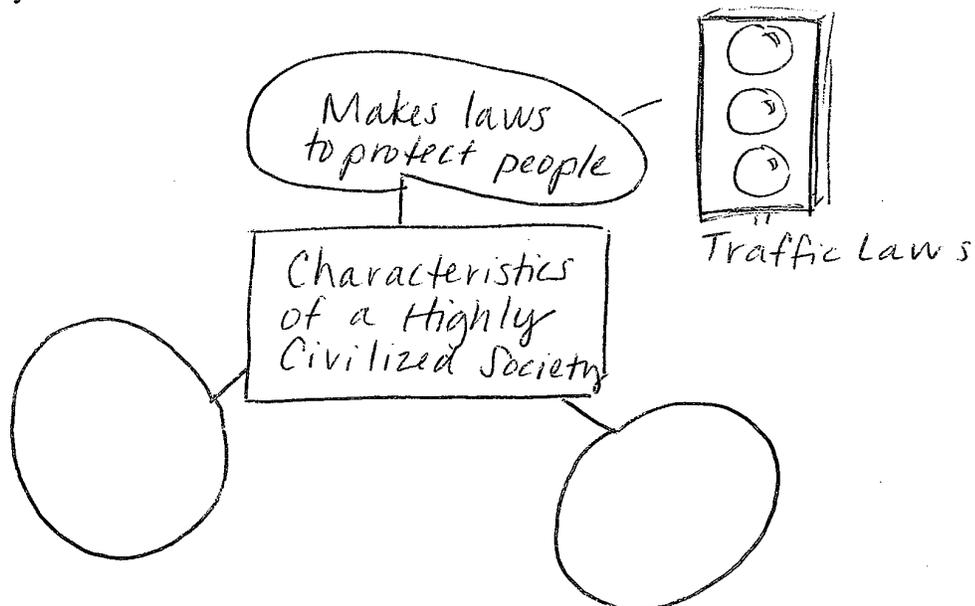
EXIT TICKET

Use the words "culture" and "civilization" in one or more meaningful sentence.

TUESDAY

DO NOW

Fill in the empty spokes of the diagram below with words that describe characteristics of a society that is highly civilized. For each spoke, draw and label a simple example of that description. One spoke is completed for you.



**EXIT TICKET**

List the seven characteristics of civilization.

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| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |
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**WEDNESDAY**

**DO NOW**

**Fill in the blanks.**

The southern region of Mesopotamia is called \_\_\_\_\_.

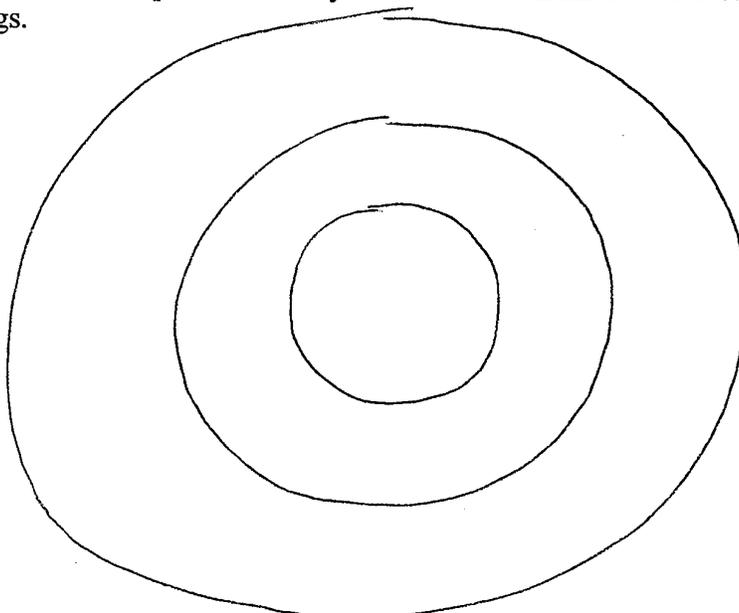
\_\_\_\_\_ are man-made objects that teach social scientists about human life before written history.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is like a small, independent country, with its own ruler and farmland to provide food.

During the \_\_\_\_\_ Age, humans had learned to raise animals and crops for food.

**EXIT TICKET**

The circle below represents a Sumerian city. The inner circle is the center of the city. The two outer circles show more distant parts of the city. Put each item from the word bank in the part of the city where it belongs.



**WORD BANK:** craftspeople. Government officials, priests, farmers, irrigation ditches, slaves, farms, merchants, ziggurat

THURSDAY

DO NOW

1. What evidence shows that Sumerian society developed after the Stone Age?
  - a. copper blades
  - b. painted pottery
  - c. wooden plows
  - d. mud houses

EXPLAIN:

2. What evidence shows that the Sumerians were not prehistoric?
  - a. ziggurats
  - b. statues
  - c. irrigation ditches
  - d. written laws

EXPLAIN:

EXIT TICKET

Rate your effort in social studies class this week.

1            2            3            4            5

What activity did you most enjoy this week? Explain.

What activity did learn the most from this week? Explain.