

## Chapter 3 Study Guide Answer Key

**1. What was the main purpose of a ziggurat?**

Pg. 92 – The Ziggurat was the center of the city.

**2. What name have historians given to the land that lies between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers?**

Pg. 83 – Historians named the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers Mesopotamia, which means, 'The land between two rivers'.

**3. What common item of life today was invented by the ancient Sumerians?**

Pg. 100 – Ancient Sumerians invented the first wheel.

**4. On what did Sumerian farmers depend in order to grow crops?**

Pgs. 84-85 – Sumerian farmers depended on a system of canals they built to bring river water into their fields.

**5. What was the main building material of the ancient Sumerians?**

Pg. 85 – Because of a lack of resources, the main building material of Mesopotamians was mud.

**6. What role did the gods play in Sumerian society?**

Pg. 94 – The Sumerians believed that the gods protected the people from troubles and dangers.

**7. Which group of people was in the middle class of Sumerian society?**

Pg. 99 – The middle class in Sumerian Society was made up of farmers and artisans.

**8. For what initial purpose did the Sumerians develop the world's first writing system?**

Pg. 101 – Sumerians developed the world's first writing system to keep business records.

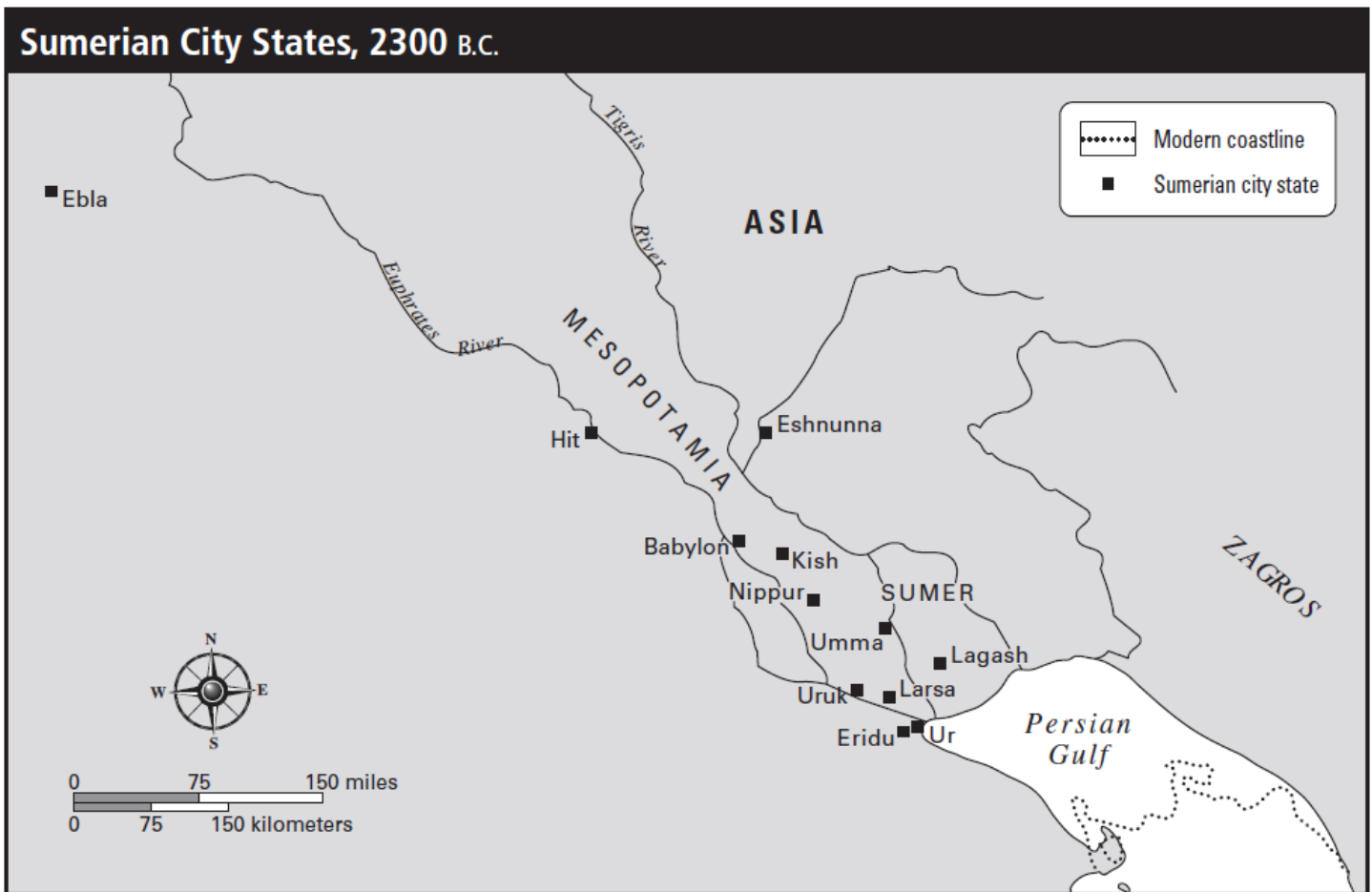
**9. Where did most Sumerians live after about 3000 B.C.?**

Pg. 92 – By 3000 B.C. most Sumerians lived in large city-states.

**10. Who had the most power in Sumerian society?**

Pg. 99 – In Sumerian society, Kings and Priests had the most power.

## Map Skills



11. How far was Babylon from the mouth of the Euphrates River?  
*Babylon is about 150-160 miles from the mouth of the Euphrates River.*
12. Which city-state was located on the Tigris River?  
*Umma was located on the Tigris River.*
13. Which city-state was not in a floodplain?  
*Ebla was not in a floodplain.*
14. Where was the city-state of Ur located?  
*The city-state of Ur was located near the mouth of the Euphrates River.*
15. What city-state was located southeast of Babylon?  
*Nippur is located most closely southeast of Babylon.*