

Comparing Egypt and Mesopotamia

Recently, you studied two important ancient civilizations—**Mesopotamia** and **Egypt**. Read the statements listed below. Which ones describe Mesopotamia; which ones describe Egypt? After reading the statement carefully, write the name of the correct civilization in the blank.

_____ 1. This civilization relied on hieroglyphics to keep accurate records.

_____ 2. This civilization formed along the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

_____ 3. This civilization built ziggurats from mud bricks.

_____ 4. This civilization thought that the afterlife would be happy and pleasurable.

_____ 5. This civilization produced skillful surgeons that were highly regarded throughout the Mediterranean world.

_____ 6. This civilization built the pyramids at Giza.

_____ 7. The ruler of this civilization was thought of as a god.

_____ 8. This civilization developed a form of writing called cuneiform.

_____ 9. This civilization viewed the afterlife as a dark and gloomy existence.

_____ 10. This civilization used papyrus to make a paper-like writing material.

Read the following statements concerning Egypt and Mesopotamia. Which ones are true, and which ones are false? Write the correct answer in each blank.

_____ 11. Both civilizations practiced polytheism.

_____ 12. Both civilizations played board games, such as Senet and the Royal Game of Ur.

_____ 13. Both civilizations followed laws established by the Code of Hammurabi.

_____ 14. Both civilizations began with the Sumerians.

_____ 15. Both civilizations experienced specialization.