

Entry Routine

1. Supply & homework check
2. Question of the Day:

If you and your friends were stranded on an island, what rules would you establish as laws and how would you enforce them?

Take Me to Your Leader

Government, Empires, and Hammurabi's Code

Essential Question: Why would communities
need a leader and laws?

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Explain the origins and structures of various governmental systems.

Vocabulary

Government: the organization of people who are in charge of **making** and **enforcing** laws, collecting **taxes**, and maintaining an **army** in order to ensure that life in a **society** is **safe** and **orderly**.

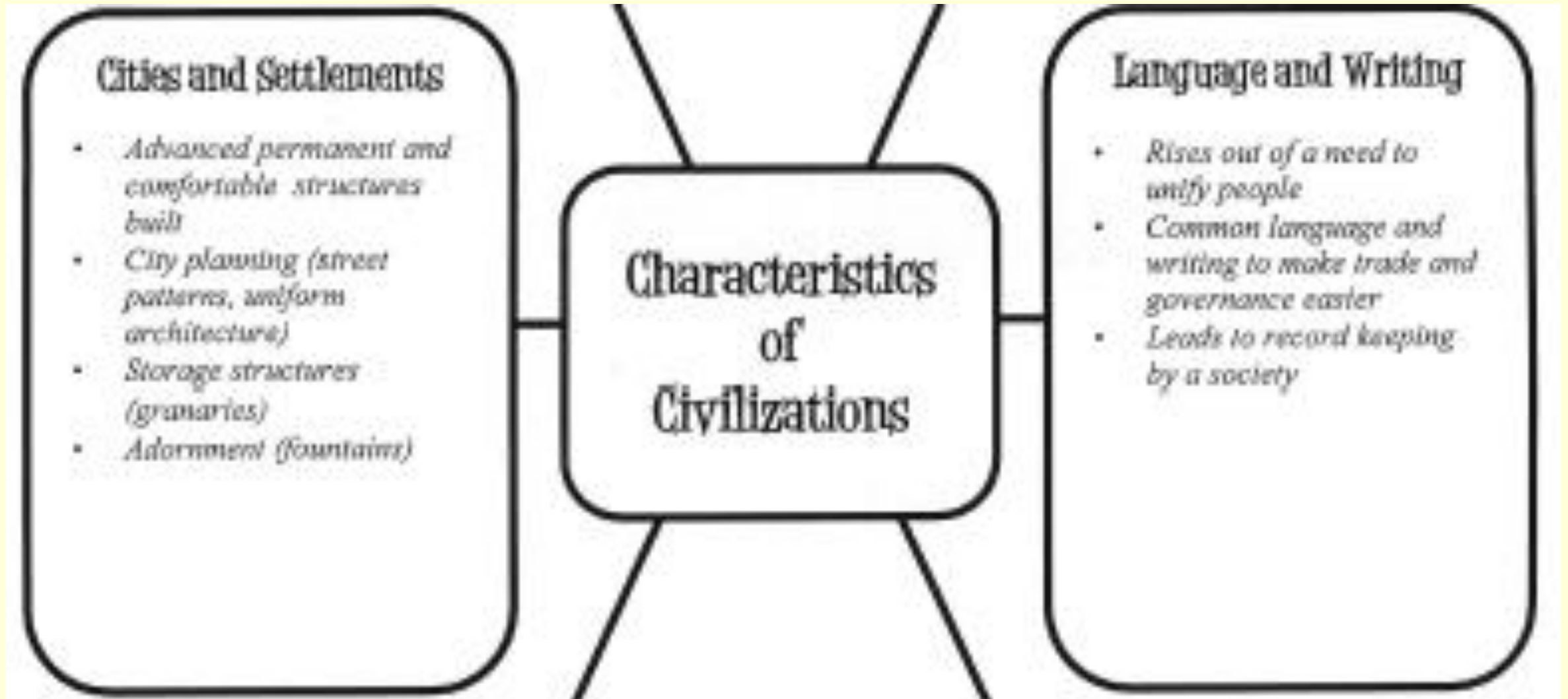
Law: **rules** and a system for **enforcing** them

Code of Laws: a **collection** of written **rules & laws**

“Civilization”

A civilization is a society with cities, a central government, workers with specialized jobs, social classes, religion, writing, art, and architecture.

Characteristics of Civilizations



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Cultural and Social Systems

- *Social classes emerge among people as civilization grows*
- *Common classes are farmers, craftspeople, and traders*
- *Higher classes are wealthier, have bigger homes, more influence in government*
- *Specialization of skills also divides classes*
- *People have some religious beliefs, traditions, etc. helping to tie them together*

Achievements

- *Achievements in architecture (multi-story homes, fountains, granaries, roads, etc.)*
- *Achievement in technology (indoor plumbing)*
- *Achievement in fine arts (crafts, statues, storytelling, etc.)*
- *Achievement in agriculture (in order to grow surplus crops)*

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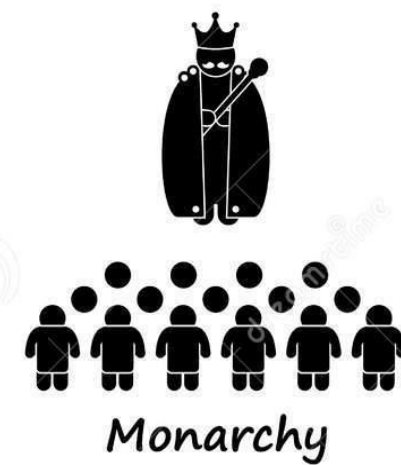
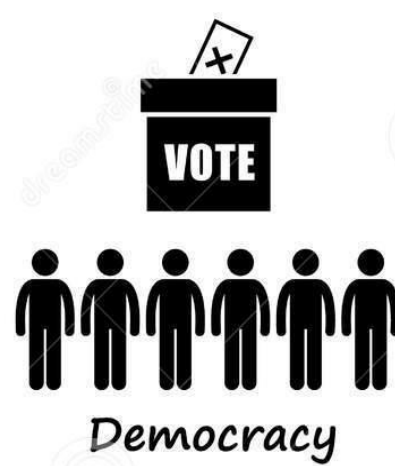
Economic Activities

- *Trade with other members of the community and other civilizations*
- *Specialization of labor and skills*
- *Growing surplus food for trade or sale*
- *Making goods for trade or sale*

Government and Laws

- *Rules established by government to divide lands and resources*
- *Government settles disputes*
- *Government oversees building projects*

6 basic types of government



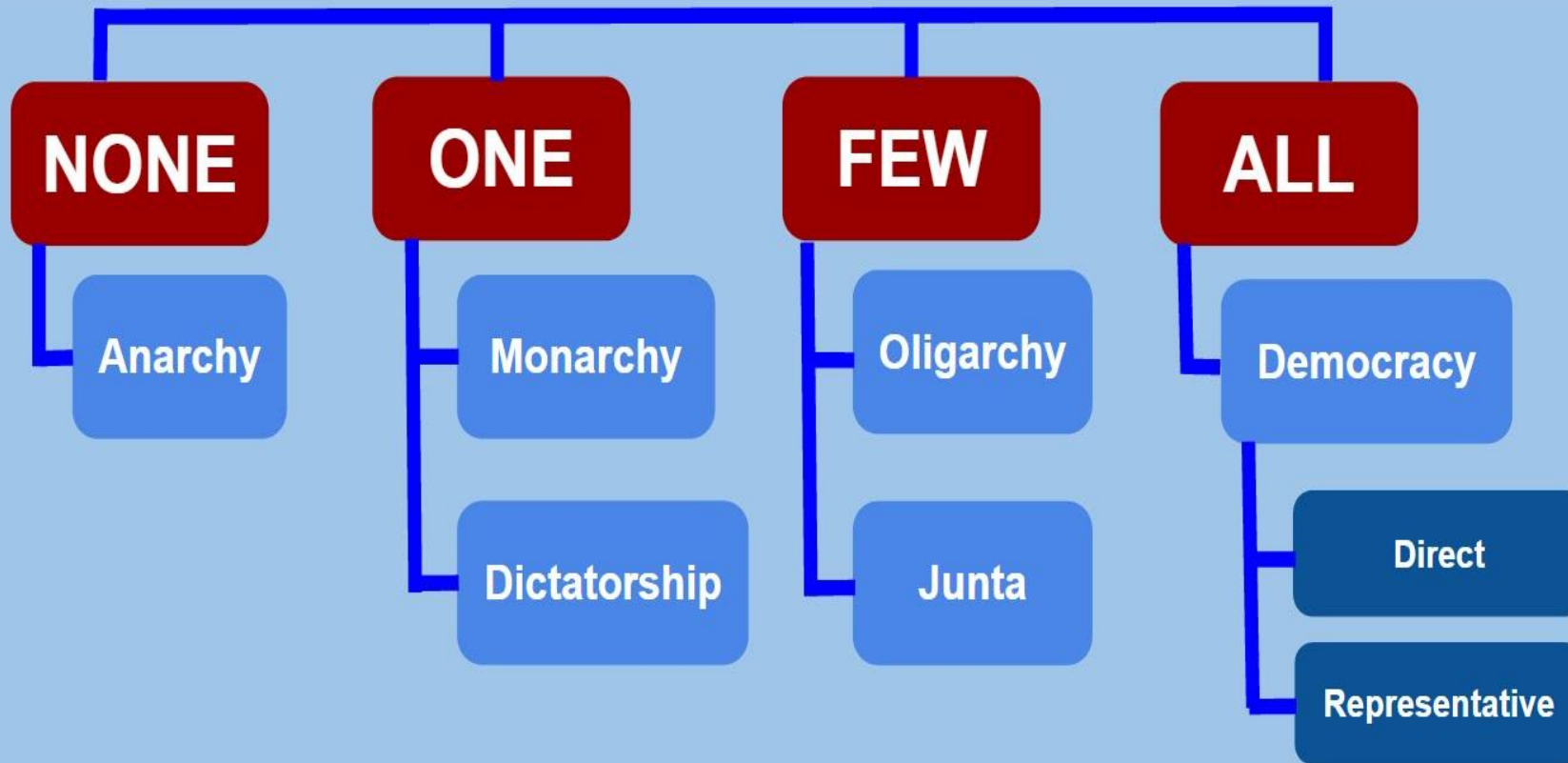
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WHO RULES?



What are the rules when anyone rules?

What is the purpose of laws?
(Why do we have them?)

What is the purpose of
punishments for breaking laws?
(What happens when we don't follow them?)

Mesopotamian City-States

What are the benefits and requirements of living in organized communities?



- Form of government of ancient **Mesopotamia**
- Included the walled **city** and the surrounding **farm-land**
- Each city-state was like a small independent **country** with its own **ruler** and **laws**
- City-states fought over **WATER** and **land**

City-state

EMPIRES

Empire: a large **territory** in which
several groups of people are **ruled** by a
single **leader** or **government**

Stronger city-states **conquered** and then
ruled other city states

4 Empires of Mesopotamia

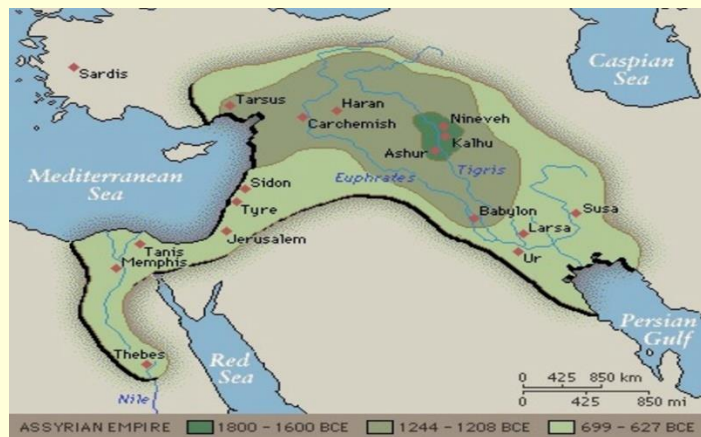
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• Babylonian



• Assyrian



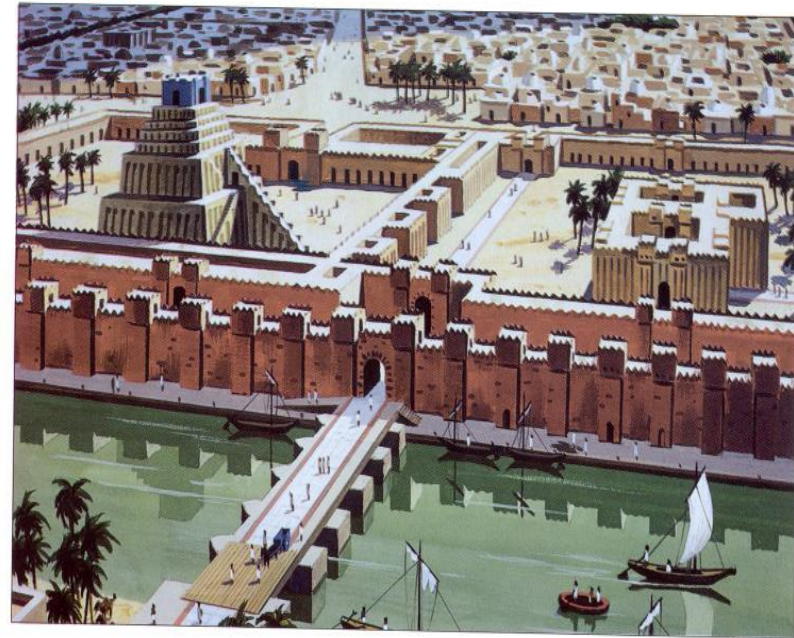
• Neo-Babylonian



Hammurabi



- Hammurabi ruled the Babylonian Empire from 1792-1750 BCE



Code of Hammurabi



- Code of **laws**
- Importance:
first set of laws that
applied to everyone
- first set of laws to be
written down

- Hammurabi wrote the laws down to **unify** his empire.
- He wisely took laws from each conquered city-state and combined them to form one set of laws.
- He also made sure that all social classes were included in the laws. Both of these things helped to make all of the people of the conquered city-states feel like they were a part of the new empire.
- Hammurabi **did not** create the laws: he **collected** them & **recorded** them.



- The Code was very detailed and strict. It spelled out the **crime** and the **punishment**.
- the punishment “fits” the crime.....an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth



Assignment

**You and some friends
have been stranded on a
small island.**

**You name this place
“Allen Land.”**

**You must establish a new
civilization.**

1. How will you survive?
2. Explain your division of labor.
3. Which laws will you pass and enforce?
4. Describe the punishment.