Core Knowledge: First Grade

Facts to Know about Mesopotamia

1. Mesopotamia was located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.
2. Mesopotamia is known as the “Cradle of Civilization.”
3. The kind of writing that the Mesopotamians invented was called cuneiform.
4. The world’s first written story was about a man named Gilgamesh. He was half-god, half-man.
5. Mesopotamian temples were called ziggurats.
6. Mesopotamians believed in many gods.
7. Hammurabi created the first written laws.
8. Laws were made to help the people of Mesopotamia make better choices.
9. Traditions are ideas and beliefs that are passed on from one generation to the next.