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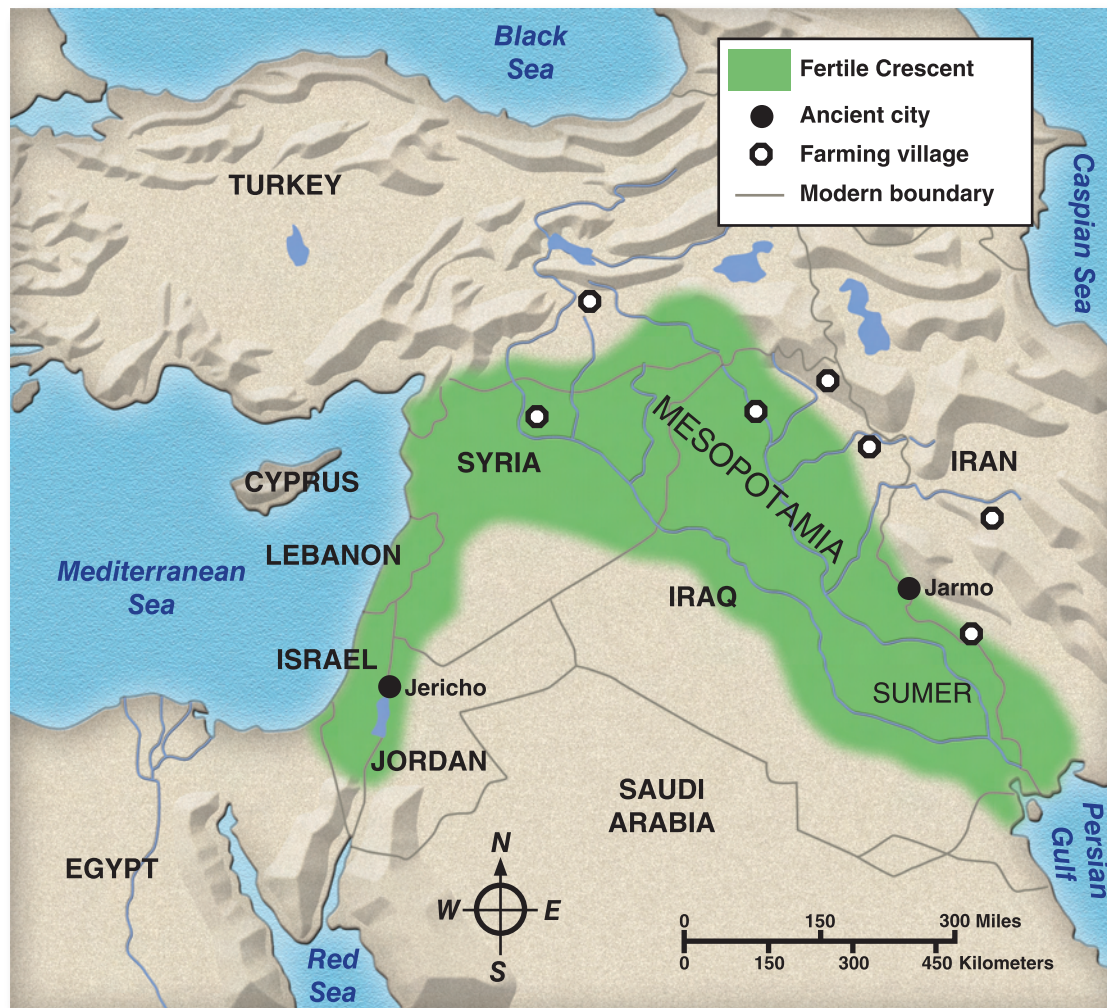
DESTINED TO BE GREAT

About 4,000 years ago, a part of the world was in trouble. This area was ancient Mesopotamia (mehs-uh-puh-TAY-mee-uh). The people needed a leader who could bring peace to the land. King Hammurabi (ham-uh-RAW-bee) was the man who was able to do this job.

King Hammurabi did a lot to improve life. He built an empire that brought pride to his people. He made laws that gave peace and justice to his empire. He also allowed changes in art, language, and religion. If it were not for Hammurabi, many of these things might not have happened.



▲ King Hammurabi was a successful leader.



Where in the World Is Mesopotamia?

Today, Mesopotamia includes modern Iraq and parts of Syria (SEAR-ee-uh) and Turkey.

Invading Iraq in 2003

Iraq deals with a lot of conflict today. From 1979 until 2003, Saddam Hussein (sahd-AHM hou-SANE) was the leader of Iraq. He was a very harsh man. In 2003, his government was overthrown by the United States military. Now, the people of Iraq are forming a government. They are working towards being a peaceful country.



Saddam Hussein ▶