Welcome to Mesopotamia!

In our first real social studies unit, we are going to get a close-up view of the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt. Let’s got back four thousand years to learn what these people did! Open your textbooks to page 33.

1. Let’s start by identifying some bodies of water and landforms in the region. On the attached map, identify the number of each place you are responsible for memorizing.
2. While you’re looking at the map on page 33, what modern country is located where most of the Tigris and Euphrates are? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Look at the picture on page 34. The clay tablet shows writing in the ancient Sumerian language. How is there written language different than ours?
4. Most of the first people farmed in early Mesopotamia. Why was this a good place to farm? (read page 35)
5. Mesopotamia is part of the Fertile Crescent. Looking at the map on page 33, what other countries today exist in the Fertile Crescent region?
6. How did the Tigris and Euphrates rivers help the people of Mesopotamia?
7. How did the Tigris and Euphrates rivers harm the people of Mesopotamia?