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| **1** | Issue: **Innovation**  **Cuneiform – 1St Sumerian Writing System**  **River Valley**  **Civilizations --**  **Mesopotamia** | Definition:  **An innovation is a change, a new method or idea. Innovations have both positive and negative effects**. | **1st written language used to keep trading and business records like crops and taxes and later used to record daily events and laws like Hammurabi’s Code of Laws**  **Scribes (writers) had an important role in society because they kept written records**  **Cuneiform was used by the Assyrians, Elamites, Hittites, Babylonians, and Akkadians for about 3,000 years.**  **CULTURAL DIFFUSION**  **Cuneiform spread to other cultures and allowed them to communicate** | **Writing allowed civilizations to develop because it allowed people to record and communicate information about religion, trade and government and later literature**  **Hieroglyphics was developed in Egypt about the same time**  **Writing allows people to keep records which other people can learn from.** |

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| **2** | Issue: **Innovation**  **CHARIOT = WHEELED VEHICLE**  **Time Period: Ancient River Valleys ---MESOPOTAMIA** | Definition:  **An innovation is a change, a new method or idea. Innovations have both positive and negative effects**.  **Positive Effect** | **The chariot was the first means of personal transportation**  **Chariots had wheels and pulled by horses (domesticated animals)**  **Can travel faster and over a greater distance in shorter time** | **First chariot appeared around 3200 BC in Mesopotamia and was adopted by almost every civilization… Ancient Greece, Rome, and China until motorized transportation… bicycles, RR, cars, buses, golf cart came into existence** |

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| **3** | Issue: **Innovation**  **Sailboat**  **Ancient River Valleys --- Mesopotamia**  **(Sumerians)** | Definition:  **An innovation is a change, a new method or idea. Innovations have both positive and negative effects**.  **Positive Effect** | **Transportation on the water was faster and more convenient**  **First used to cross the Tigris and Euphrates rivers for fishing and to explore other areas.**  **first sailboat had a simple, design and helped trade and commerce** | **The sailboat was used and later improved on by cultures around the world.**  **Found in Egypt, China, Ancient Greece and Rome and used for trade and travel.**  **Leads to increased trade and travel throughout the world and European explorers to eventually cross the Atlantic ocean and discover the new world (North and South America and Caribbean)** |

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| **4** | Issue: **Innovation**  **Egyptian**  **Calendar and Clock**  **Ancient River Valleys ---**  **Ancient Egypt** | Definition:  **An innovation is a change, a new method or idea. Innovations have both positive and negative effects**.  **Positive Effect** | **First to divide their days into parts**  **Obelisks were used as sun clocks and moving shadows enabled/helped people to separate the day into parts, starting at noon.**  **The calendar and clock were used to keep track of time and farming records**  **The calendar was 3 seasons: each season had 120 days = 360 day calendar year** | **Today all nations around the world use calendars and clocks to keep track of time and seasons.**  **Changed: new technology has been developed so we have digital clocks**  **Modern calendar has 12 months, divided into 7 day weeks, with 365 days** |

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| **5** | Issue: **Innovation**  **Egyptian**  **Medicine and Surgery**  **Ancient River Valleys --- Egypt** | Definition:  **An innovation is a change, a new method or idea. Innovations have both positive and negative effects**.  **Positive Effect** | **Ancient Egyptians invented medicine and surgery which helped keep people healthy and saved many lives.**  **More people were able to live longer so Egyptian civilization grew and spread**  **Egyptians learned *anatomy* (study of the human body) by mummification**  **Egyptians had a medical text called: *Edwin Smith Papyrus***  **Had surgical instruments/tools** | **Although we don’t mummify people anymore, doctors still perform surgery, prescribe medicine and study anatomy.**  **Today most civilizations do not use magic or superstition to treat illnesses.**  **Doctors today continue to write textbooks on medicine, illnesses and develop new surgical instruments and tools like robotic surgery**  **Doctors are still trying to find cures for illnesses.** |