Vocabulary “Geography of Mesopotamia”

Mesopotamia- in ancient times, the geographic area located between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

Tigris River- one of the two largest rivers in Southwest Asia that flow from mountains in Turkey to the Persian Gulf.

Euphrates River- one of the two largest rivers in Southwest Asia that flow from mountains in Turkey to the Persian Gulf

Irrigation- a means of supplying land with water

Levee- a wall of earth built to prevent a river from flooding its banks

Silt- fine particles of rock

City-state- an early city that was like a small, independent country with its own laws and government

Sumer- an area in southern Mesopotamia, where cities first appeared

Trade- the business of buying and selling or exchanging items

Scribe- a person who writes

Complex- arranged in a difficult way

Maintain- to keep something in good condition by making necessary repairs

Annual- something that occurs once a year