

## Vocabulary Words for Review of Egypt, India and Mesopotamia

### **Mesopotamia**

1. Fertile Crescent- the land between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
2. cuneiform- picture writing of Samaria
3. Ziggurat - temples of Mesopotamia
4. city-state- independent cities in Mesopotamia
5. Code of Hammurabi - first laws set up by the king

### **Egypt**

1. Pharaoh- leaders of Egypt chosen from a dynasty or ruling family
2. Hieroglyphics - character writing
3. After-life - belief in life after death
4. Polytheism - belief in many gods
5. Irrigation - shifting water from the river to water crops in a dry land

### **India**

1. Caste System - social hierarchy or class system in Ancient India
2. Hinduism - religion founded in India
3. Reincarnation - belief after death that one returns to earth in another form
4. sub-continent - A piece of land that attaches to a continent and usually forms mountains
5. Sanskrit - early language of India