

Primary Source Questions Week 3

1. What provisions of the Code reflect the hierarchical structures of Babylonian society? Can you map particular provisions onto the Framework pyramid diagram of state-level Agrarian societies?

The code of Hammurabi reveals how males, nobles and the wealthy individuals in Babylonian society had the upper hand in social order. The code shows us the significance of business, trade, and family in the Babylonian Empire. Commoners are at the bottom of the pyramid while local Elite, Elites and Unitary Political Leader are at the top. The front of the pyramid is where males are and women are in the back.

2. What cultural values does the Code express? Is the Code idealized or realistic?

The cultural values the code expresses I think are wealth and power, if you don't have these things, to the people on the top of the pyramid you are nothing.