

This paper will discuss the early kingdoms of Egypt and Mesopotamia.

In the 3500 and 3000 BCE, agriculture was the civilization of these two societies; bread baskets. Mesopotamia and Egypt were known for farming and producing farm products. Both cultures shared some similarities, such as their population, for example. Their people were said to be quite expensive due to their succession of farming. The regions they occupied were on flat land, around bodies of water passing through their valleys. Low-lying land and water for irrigation and drainage help facilitate crop production.

Their primary source of trade was agriculture. They benefited from fertile soil, which was a result of receding water due to an annual flood. The Euphrates and Tigris Rivers were significant bodies of water embodied throughout and around Mesopotamia. Egypt's body of water is the Nile River. The yearly flooding in Egypt was predictable, affording the Egyptians to do their planting around it, compared to the flooding in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia's flooding of their rivers caused a high death toll and significant damage to the areas usually cultivated for farming. The Social Structures of Egypt and Mesopotamia had resemblances. The ruling class who oversaw the organizing society was the Pharaoh for Egypt and the King for Mesopotamia. Their Upper Class consists of the Elite Nobles and the Clergy.

The Middle Class consisted of folks who could write, wealthy merchants, and builders. The Lower Class were Bakers, Brewers, Merchants, Farmers, and Musicians.

For people in those two societies, Mesopotamia and Egypt, a form of paying a debt you could not afford, your children would become enslaved. Enslaved children and prisoners of war were primary sources of the labor force for those two societies.

To sum up. This chapter highlights some fundamental problems still affecting farming today, such as unpredictable weather and the use of slave labor and how long this practice has been going on.

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