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Hittite Kingdom

At the top of the hierarchy for the Hittite Kingdom would be the kings/priests. The kings were in charge of ruling their people, building their armies, supreme judges, but also playing a role as a storm god. The Hittite kingdom is known for its constitutional monarchy, making it one of the earliest types of monarchy. The Hittite kingdom was polytheistic, worshiping many Gods, and believed religion helped determine who could rule. Below Kings/priests were government officials who helped organize different levels of the government, providing a checks and balance system-similar to America's government. Followed by government officials were the commoners such as nobles and artisans, followed by slaves who were sent to work on mostly farms.

1. How does this society resemble other societies in this chapter?

This society resembles other societies in terms of who was at the top of the hierarchy. Most societies had a king/ruler at the top. For example, the Egyptians had pharaohs at the top. Pharaohs ruled Egypt and were not only seen as just a ruler, but something more than that- a god. This is similar to the Hittite kingdom, as they felt religion decided their rulers and those who were chosen as rulers, were seen as a god. Also, just as other societies like the Sumerians, Harappan, and Shanghai, the commoners were craftspeople followed by peasants/slaves, being at the bottom.

2.How is it unique?

This society is well known for being the first in their region to build items made out of iron during the bronze age. With their impressive iron skills, it transferred societies from the bronze age to the iron age. They are also well known for their military strategies like building chariots which helped them gain successful victories against enemies.

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