

Key Terms Section 1

- Scribe
- Fertile Crescent
- City-state
- Polytheism
- myth
- A professional writer
- A region in Southwest Asia; site of the first civilizations
- A city that is also a separate, independent state
- The belief in many gods
- A traditional story; in some cultures, a legend that explains people's beliefs

Section 1 Vocabulary Builders

- Fertile
- Terrace
- rival
- Producing much fruit or large crops, rich
- A flat platform with sloping banks
- Someone who tries to get the same thing as another, competitor

Key Terms Section 2

- Empire
- Babylon
- Caravan
- Bazaar
- Zoroastrianism
- Many territories and peoples controlled by one government
- The capital of Babylonia; a city of great wealth and luxury
- A group of travelers journeying together
- Market selling different kinds of goods
- A religion that developed in ancient Persia

Section 2 Vocabulary Builders

- Conquer
- Expand
- Invade
- To gain control over someone or something
- To spread out or make greater in size
- To enter as an enemy

Chapter 2 Section 3 Key Terms

- Code
- Hammurabi
- Cuneiform
- An organized list of laws and rules
- The king of Babylon from about 1792 B.C. to 1750 B.C.; creator of the Babylonian Empire
- Groups of wedges and lines used to write several languages of the Fertile Crescent

Section 3 Vocabulary Builder

- Conflict
- Document
- A disagreement
- Anything written that conveys information

Chapter 2 Section 4 Key Terms

- Alphabet
 - A set of symbols that represent the sounds of a language
- Monotheism
- Famine
 - The belief in one god
- Exile
 - A time when there is so little food that many people starve
 - To force someone to live in another country

Section 4 Vocabulary Builder

- conduct
- To manage; direct

Chapter 2 Section 5 Key Terms

- Covenant
- Moses
- Prophet
- Diaspora
- A binding agreement
- An Israelite leader whom the Torah credits with leading the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan
- A religious teacher who is regarded as someone who speaks for God or for a god
- The scattering of people who have a common background or beliefs

Section 5 Vocabulary Builder

- Generation
- Preserve
- A single stage in the history of a family
- To keep, protect, or save