**Chapter 2: Early River Valley Civilizations**

Describe the geography, religion, technology, economics and social aspects for each of the four river valley civilizations on a separate piece of paper.

**Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus Valley and China:**

*Geography*:

What was a nickname for river valley? Besides the flooding of rivers, how else was each civilization affected by their environment? Were there any challenges to overcome?

*Religion (& Philosophy)* :

What social, political, or economic effects did religion have on the river valley civilization? Were there any particular beliefs that separate a civilization from another?

*Technology (& Science):*

Describe the river valley civilization's form of record keeping. What other scientific knowledge did the River Valley Civilization have?

*Economics:*

What goods were traded, and with whom?

*Social (Culture):*

What social classes existed in the river valley civilization? What beliefs set this civilization apart from the others.

Answer the following questions:

What king united Egypt?

What leader united Mesopotamia?

What is a city-state? What civilization were they part of?

What is cultural diffusion?

Define polytheism.

What is a Cataract?

Define theocracy.

Describe the process of mummification and understand why this process was done.

Know what hieroglyphics and pictographs are.

What is papyrus?

What is a subcontinent and which civilization did we cover that is considered one?

What is a monsoon?

What is loess?

Define Mandate of Heaven.

Define feudalism.

What internal problem weakened the civilizations in Mesopotamia and China?

What force played a role in the decline of all four river early civilizations?

Which civilization traded with two others, and which two were they?