

## CHAPTER 3 LESSON 1 Geography of Mesopotamia

**Activity Sheet****Part A. Build Vocabulary**

**Key Terms** Write a key term in each blank to match the word history that describes it.

**Mesopotamia:** a region named for its location "between the rivers"

**floodplain:** the land bordering the banks of a river, onto which floodwaters flow

**silt:** fertile soil deposited by a river

**semiarid:** a climate that has hot summers and less than 10 inches of rain fall each year

**drought:** a period during which not enough rain and snow fall

**surplus:** more of something than is needed for immediate needs

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. This term is made up of two complete words. The second word comes from the Latin *planus*, meaning "flat."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. This term comes from the Old English word *drugath*, which is similar to "dry."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. This term is made up of a prefix meaning "half" and an Old English word meaning "dry."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. This term is made up of a prefix meaning "middle" and a Greek word *potamos*, meaning "river."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. This term comes from an Old English word *syltan*, meaning "salt."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. This terms comes from two French words meaning "over" and "more."

**Part B. Cooperative Work**

Work with a group to complete the cause and effect chart.

How Did Mesopotamians Live?	
Cause	Effect
<b>Location:</b> between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers	
<b>Climate:</b> Semi Arid: little rain and hot	