

Key Terms, Concepts and Characters

October 19, 24, 2006: Urbanization and the formation of an early city state - Uruk in Sumer

Mesopotamia

Tigris River

Euphrates River

Umm Dabaghiyah

Tell es Sawaan

Ubaid culture

al Ubaid

Eridu

temple towns

cities

Uruk (the period)

Uruk (the site)

civilization (anthropological definition) - see "Path to Social Complexity" handout

Urban revolution

primary state formation

secondary state formation

hypotheses for state formation

hydraulic-managerial hypothesis

craft specialization and irrigation hypothesis

interregional and intraregional exchange hypothesis

population pressure and conflict hypothesis

Lowland Mesopotamian Cultural Sequence - (approximate dates)

Early Dynastic period	ca. 3,000 B.C. to ca. 2,400 B.C.
Jemdet Nasr period	ca. 3,300 to 3,000 B.C.
Uruk period	ca. 3,700 to 3,300 B.C.
Ubaid culture	ca. 4,700 to 3,700 B.C.
Hassuna, Samarra, Halaf cultures	ca. 8000 - 6700 BP (6,000 - 4,700 B.C.)
Umm Dabaghiyah culture	ca. 8,500 BP (mid-seventh millennium B.C.)