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)

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<th>Period</th>
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<td>Hassuna, Samarra, Halaf cultures</td>
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