

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the basic geography of Mesopotamia and identify key features and characteristics of this ancient civilization.

## Materials and Prep

- World map or globe
- Blank paper and coloring materials
- Pencil

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

## Activities

- **Create a Mesopotamia Map:** Provide the student with a blank piece of paper and ask them to draw a map of Mesopotamia. Encourage them to include important geographical features such as rivers, cities, and mountains.
- **Coloring Activity:** Give the student a coloring page featuring Mesopotamian landmarks, such as the Ziggurat or Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Let them color the page while discussing the significance of these structures.
- **Storytelling:** Read a simplified story about life in ancient Mesopotamia. Discuss the daily life, food, clothing, and transportation of the people living in this civilization.

## Talking Points

- "Mesopotamia was a very old civilization that existed thousands of years ago."
- "It was located in the region we now know as the Middle East, between two rivers called the Tigris and Euphrates rivers."
- "The people of Mesopotamia built cities and created their own system of writing called cuneiform."
- "They were skilled farmers and grew crops like barley and wheat."
- "The people of Mesopotamia built tall structures called ziggurats, which were like temples."
- "They also had beautiful gardens, known as the Hanging Gardens of Babylon."
- "The rivers were very important for transportation and trade in Mesopotamia."