

# **MESOPOTAMIA**

## **INNOVATIONS**

**The people of Sumer developed the world's first writing system: cuneiform! Scribes carved the cuneiform letters into clay, which were then baked into tablets.**

**Mesopotamians were responsible for the creation of the wheel. They built wheeled carts to help them with trade and farming.**

**The sixty minute hour was also developed by the Mesopotamians. They had a measurement base of 60, which we still use today to tell time.**

**The first city states were also developed in Mesopotamia. They also had the first monarchies, which ruled the city states.**

**The Assyrians were the first to develop networks of paved roads, as well as the lock and key system.**

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List some key facts about Mesopotamian innovations.

Describe the innovation that you think was most influential.

Illustrate something to help you remember these facts.