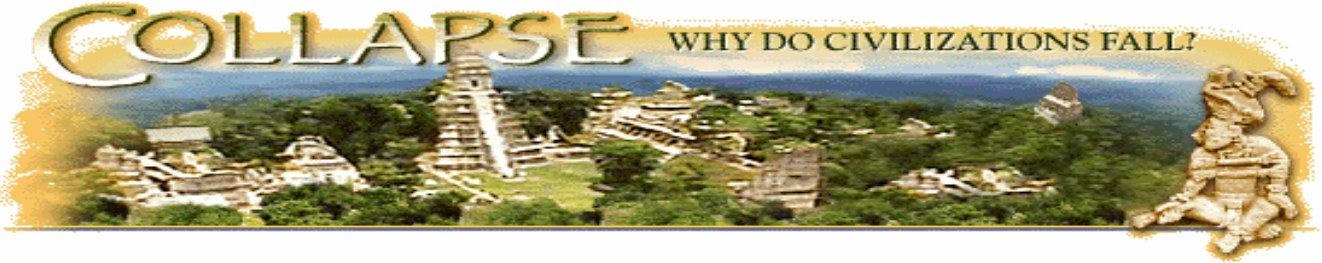


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INSTRUCTIONS



1. Click on the **Grade 5** door.
2. Click on the **Social Studies** Door.
3. Under the heading **Heritage and Citizenship**, click on **Why Civilizations Fall**.

Click on **Mesopotamia** found on the **left** side of your screen. **Where** was Mesopotamia located and **why** did it evolve into a powerful empire?

Mesopotamia experienced seasonal rains. **Explain** what is meant by this.

To water their crops in the other seasons, **what** did the people of Mesopotamia do?

How did water from the Tigris and Euphrates become trapped on the fields?



Salt-damaged fields in California's San Joaquin Valley

The above picture shows how salt build in soil can ruin farmland.

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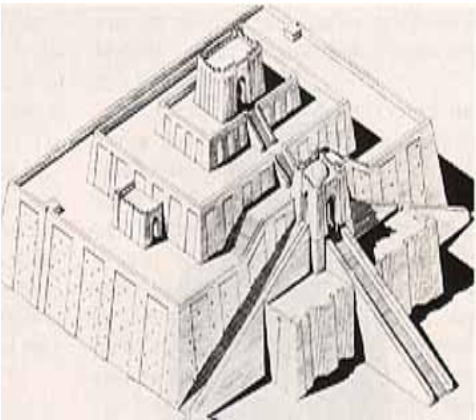
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What happened once the water trapped on the farmers field started to **evaporate**? **Completely explain.**

How do we know all this?



To the **left** is an example of a temple from the Sumerian city of Ur. The Sumerian civilization was one of many civilizations to occupy Mesopotamia.



To the **right** is an example of a clay tablet found in Mesopotamia.

Can you think of any way the ancient Mesopotamian civilization could have prevented their farmland from becoming contaminated with salt and therefore unable to grow crops?

