

— Postreading Activities for Unit 1 —

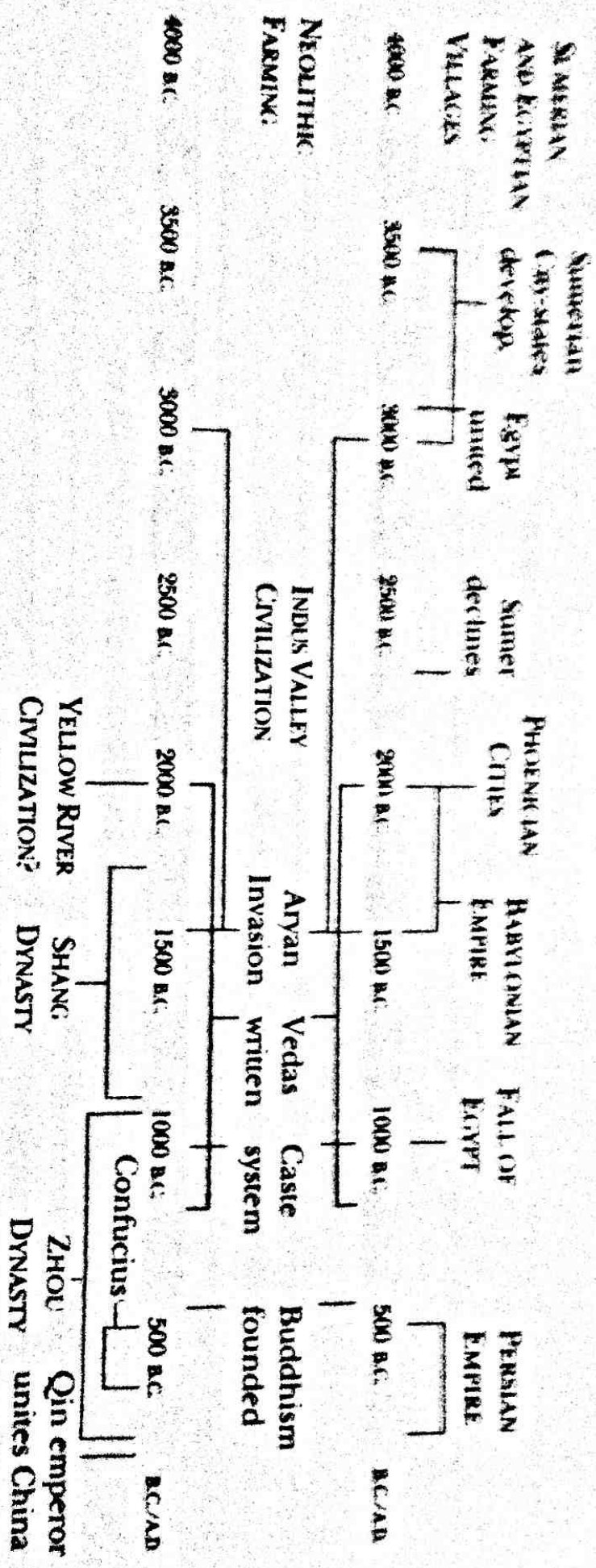
Reflection and Reaction —

Summary

The First Civilizations

Directions: You have studied the earliest civilizations and have analyzed and given notes on some lines. Study the combined time lines below and then write a brief paragraph summarizing this unit.

Combined Time Lines



Summary

Constructed-Response Questions

Write your answers to the questions that follow in the spaces provided.

CIVILIZATIONS OF THE FERTILE CRESCENT			
	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	ACHIEVEMENTS AND/OR RULERS	REASON FOR DECLINE
Sumerians 3500-2000 B.C	lowest part of Tigris-Euphrates	city-states, cuneiform, arch, ziggurats, wheel, number system	did not unite under one government
Babylonians 1900-1600 B.C.	most of Fertile Crescent	Hammurabi's Code of Law	conquered by the invaders
Assyrians 1350-600 B.C	Fertile Crescent and Egypt	cavalry/battering ram	conquered by the invaders
Phoenicians 1000-700 B.C.	Asia Minor	Sea and trade, purple dye, alphabet	absorbed into other cultures
Israelites 2000-500 B.C.	North of Sinai Peninsula north and south of Jordan River	Moses, Ten Commandments, Mosaic Law, monotheism	conquered by the invaders

Use the information in the chart to answer questions 5 through 9.

5. What is the name given to the area where these ancient civilizations lived?
Why is it a good name?

6. How did most ancient civilizations end?

7. Which two civilizations lasted the longest?

8. What do you think was the most important contribution of the Sumerians?
Explain why you chose it.

9. Which civilization developed a system of writing most like our writing today?

