

## Problem/Solution:

The two main rivers that flow through Mesopotamia are the Tigris and the Euphrates. More than 7,000 years ago, people began to farm the land. Little rain fell on the fertile soil of the valley between the rivers. This meant that to keep their seedlings alive, farmers had to dig canals to bring river water to the fields. People began to live in small villages so that they could work together to bring water to their land.

**Problem:** Little rain fell (explicit); lacked rain for crops (implicit)

**Solution:** dig canals, work together, bring water to their land

## Cause/Effect:

As early as A.D. 200, wars in East Asia set off a chain of events that would eventually overwhelm Rome, thousands of miles to the west. Those wars sent the Huns, a nomadic people, migrating across Central Asia. By 350, the Huns reached Eastern Europe. These skilled riders fought fierce battles to dislodge the Germanic Peoples in their path. The Visigoths, Ostrogoths, and other Germanic peoples crossed into Roman territory seeking safety.

**Problem:** Wars force Huns to migrate to Eastern Europe

**Cause:** The Huns displaced the Visigoths, Ostrogoths and forced them and other tribes to invade Roman territory, resulting in the downfall of the Roman Empire.

**Effects:**

- Huns displaced Germanic Peoples
- Visigoths, Ostrogoths cross into Roman territory
- (Rome mistreats these tribes, who then turn on the Romans)

## Description or Listing:

Then about 5,500 years ago, some of the most prosperous villages in the area called Sumer grew into cities. Each of them was the center of a farming region that became part of a city-state. The cities of Sumer varied in size. The largest, the city of Uruk, had over 25,000 people and covered almost 1,000 acres of land. Later other groups moved into Mesopotamia and built the cities of Akkad and Babylon.

## Compare/Contrast:

A long summer break can mean that kids forget much of what they learned the previous school year. According to a University of Missouri study, many teachers spend up to six weeks on review each fall. Year-round schooling, researchers say, enables students to enjoy vacation time without forgetting information. Kids in year-round schools also demonstrate improved attendance and higher test scores.

## Sequence or Time Order (Simple Procedure):

Kate Barlow preserved peaches which lasted for years, and you can too if you follow these few simple steps. First, check the jars for cracks or chips. Second, place the lids in boiling water to sterilize. While the lids boil, wash the jars and rings in hot, soapy water. Next, place the boiling hot peaches and syrup into the hot, sterilized jars. As soon as the jar is full to within a half inch of headspace, wipe the rim of the jar clean. Immediately cap the jar with the hot lid. Next place the jar in a steamer. After steaming for twenty minutes, remove the jar from the steam bath. Once the jar has cooled, you can store it until needed. The peaches will stay fresh for several years.