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**Chapter 2, Section 2: Mesopotamia Reading Guide**

**Task:** Read pages 22 through 25 to help you answer the questions below. Use **complete sentences** for all answers.

1. Who was Hammurabi and what did he conquer? What is he best known for today?
2. How did Hammurabi use geography to help control the Fertile Crescent?
3. Why do some people believe that Hammurabi’s laws were fair? Give at least three examples of laws that you think are fair or that some other people might think are fair. Explain each law and explain why you selected each law.
4. Why do some people believe that Hammurabi’s laws were NOT fair, or even cruel? Give at least three examples of laws that you think are not fair or that some other people might think are not fair. Explain each law and explain why you selected each law.
5. Do you believe that Hammurabi was a good leader or bad leader for his people? Should he be remembered as a hero or a villain (good person or bad person) in World History and why?
6. If you could go back in time and live during this time period and trade your current life under our laws for a life under Hammurabi’s Code of Law, would you go or not and why?

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| Examine artifacts and explain the significance of major achievements of ancient Mesopotamia and/or how they help shape our understanding of Mesopotamian history and culture. | No errors and student had thoughtfully constructed questions/answers that seek to gain a deeper understanding of the topic. | Assignment was completed as required. | Assignment was completed but lacks correct information. | Assignment is incomplete. |