Study Guide

Chapter 4 and 5

1. How did Sumerian city-states protect themselves from others?
2. When Mesopotamians were living in the foothills what dilemma caused them to move? Where did they move and why?
3. What did Sumerians use to control the water supply in their new home?
4. Why did Sumerians have to work together to take care of their irrigation systems?
5. What is a City-State?
6. Describe 2 problems that Sumerian faced.
7. What Sumerian inventions helped provide a stable food supply?
8. According to Sumerians, how did kings get their power?
9. The Sumerian invention of the wheel made what military innovation possible?
10. Name some examples of Sumerian writing.
11. In Sumerian society what are the king’s duties?
12. Describe the Sumerian social structure.
13. What types of Sumerian workers would be part of the “art” category of civilization?
14. What is some evidence that shows that shows the Sumerians lived after the stone age?
15. What does pre-history, or prehistoric mean?