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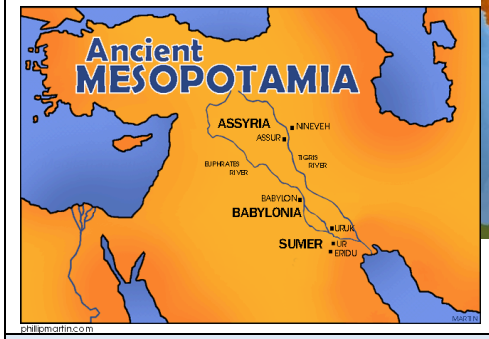
History Key Knowledge – Autumn Term
Who were the ancient Sumerians?

Key Places

- Iraq
- Syria
- Turkey



Key People

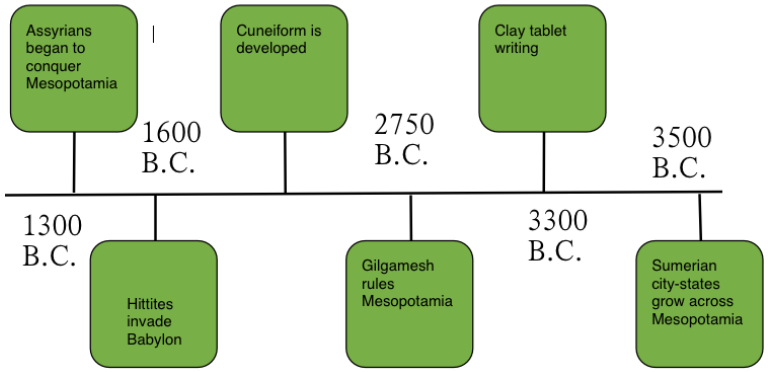
Leonard Woolley
A British archaeologist who conducted significant excavations across North Africa and the Middle East, most notably at the ancient Mesopotamian site of Ur. Woolley's findings increased modern understanding of the Sumerian civilization.

Key Dates

- **5000BCE** – the first towns and cities formed in Mesopotamia
- **1922-34** – the excavations of The Royal Tombs of Ur

Key Facts

- Mesopotamia was an ancient region in the Middle East – most of this this land now lies within Iraq.
- The Sumerians lived in southern Mesopotamia and was one of the first civilisations in the world.
- Ancient Sumer lasted from the **late Neolithic period** to the **early Bronze Age.**



Vocabulary

primary source	an artefact or person that provides first hand evidence about an event or time.
secondary source	something that has been created after an event or time by a person that did not have first-hand experience.
tomb	a place built to bury the dead.
city states	A self-governing state made up of a city and its surrounding territory
archaeology	The study of past human life. An archaeologist digs up and then studies objects such as pottery, tools and buildings.

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