

# Essential Question: What contributions were made by early civilizations?

## Unit 2 Week 1

### Story

*The Technology of Mesopotamia*

### Genre

Expository Text

### Story

"Gilgamesh Lost and Found"

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### Story

"Empire of the Sea"

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## Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

## Comprehension Skill

text structure: problem and solution

## Vocabulary Strategy

Latin roots

## Writing Traits

ideas-supporting details

## Grammar

kinds of nouns

## Other Skills

fluency: rate and accuracy

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Expository Text

## SPELLING/ PHONICS

irregular  
plurals

echoes  
photos  
data  
scarves  
volcanoes  
shelves  
media  
lives  
wolves  
potatoes  
solos  
thieves  
wives  
cuffs  
staffs  
tomatoes  
sofas  
tornadoes  
pianos  
loaves

## Vocabulary

artifact- an object made in the far past by human beings

communal- shared by the members of a group or gathering

derived- traced or coming from a source; originated

inscription- writing that is carved, cut, painted, or impressed into or onto a hard surface

millennium- a period of 1,000 years

stationery- paper, envelopes, and other materials used for writing

utilize- to make use of

yields- the amounts produced