

**1** Restated question:  
**What was the effect of rivers on early river valley civilizations like Mesopotamia?**

**2** Key Terms:  
**Civilizations**- groups of people who lived together in an organized way and shared beliefs and resources  
**Hunter-gatherers/nomads** people who roam to find their food; they do not settle down and stay in one place

**4** Causes & Connections:

**Note: Box 4 is EMPTY because the question does not ask about causes**

**3** Event & Background Information:  
**River Valley Civilizations, like Mesopotamia,**

- ancient cities
- many people lived together
- People shared ideas about religions and rules
- Always located on the banks of a large river that provided a reliable source of water

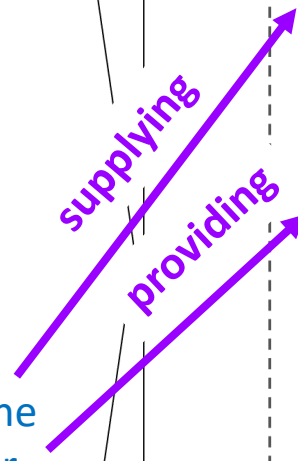
**5** Effects & Connections:

water for drinking , growing food, and fishing

water for jobs, trade routes for things they could not make for themselves and things they wanted to sell

**allowing**

1) people to remain in one place (no longer being **hunter-gatherers/nomads**) and  
2) **civilizations** to grow



**6** Answer:  
**Rivers had several important effects on early river valley civilizations like Mesopotamia.** *These rivers provided a reliable source of water for drinking, growing food, farming, fishing, and trade. Because their needs were met by the river, people were no longer nomads and civilizations grew.*