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**Similarities between River Valley Civilizations**

**Directions:** The 4 river valley civilizations (**Nile, Tigris-Euphrates, Indus, Yellow**) had similarities because they depended on huge rivers.

* **First**, read about your civilization and annotate notes in the margins about each element of civilization you read about. For example, if your article mentions “cities”, then you should make a note about cities next to where you read it.
* **Second**, when you’re done reading, make notes in the chart below for the civilization you read about.
* **Third,** share your findings with your group so they can fill in their chart. They will share what they discovered with you so you can have the whole chart filled in by the end of class.

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| **Element of Civilization** | **Mesopotamia** (Sumer)  *Tigris-Euphrates Rivers* | **Egypt**  *Nile River* | **China**  *Yellow River* | **India**  *Indus River* |
| Cities  *(Describe details about their cities)* |  |  |  |  |
| Central Government  *(Describe how their government treated people)* |  |  |  |  |
| Economy  *(What did they trade? How did they trade?)* |  |  |  |  |
| Organized religion  *(describe their religious beliefs)* |  |  |  |  |
| Specialized jobs *(Describe the different types of jobs people had)* |  |  |  |  |
| System of writing *(describe how they wrote and why they used writing)* |  |  |  |  |
| Infrastructure  Roads, bridges, canals *(Describe how they used public works)* |  |  |  |  |
| Social Classes *(how rich people were different from poor people* |  |  |  |  |