**Assyrians**

-Assyrian Empire arose about a 1000 years after Hammurabi died.

-Assyrians had a very powerful army

-well organized

-first large army to use iron weapons

-heated it to make it stronger than copper or bronze

-ferocious warriors

-Took over all of Mesopotamia

-empire stretched from **Persian Gulf** to Egypt

-capital was **Neneveh**

-empire was large so kings divided it into **provinces** (political districts)

and appointed governors

-Life was like other cultures in Mesopotamia

-writing based off of Babylonian

-worshipped the same gods ad Babylonian (polytheistic)

-brutal punishments for law breakers

-world’s first library

-Cruel treatment of people led rebellions and began fighting each other

-Chaldeans rose to power

**Chaldeans**

Decedents of Babylonian people

Built an empire and developed a calendar with a 7 day week.

**Nebuchadnezzar**: -was a king that controlled all of Mesopotamia for around 40 years

-he made them strong and rebuilt Babylon

The City Babylon

-world's largest and richest city

-**Hanging Gardens**: Neb. built them for his wife

-showcased various trees and plants.

-pyramid shaped and used water from the Euphrates

-became rich from trade

-**caravans**-groups of traveling merchants traded there

-**astronomy**-they studied the stars

The empire fell because it became too large and was attacked by the Persians