**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