

Cause	Effect
<u>Military Machine</u> <u>Facts:</u> - well organized - 1st army - ferocious warrior - chariot + horses	- could take over Mesopotamia - were feared.
<u>Cruelty to Captured People</u> <u>Facts:</u> - set fire to buildings + carried away people and goods - sent people into exile	- people were forced to be slaves - people were killed
<u>Huge Empire</u> <u>Facts:</u> - grew so large that it needed to be organized	- made provinces - ruler in conquered lands had to pay tribute to the Assyrian army - Assyrians controlled almost all of the Fertile Crescent

Assyrian Empire

Civilization	When	What/ History
Sumerians	3500-2300 B.C.	-earliest Mesopotamian civilization -main city-states: Ur, Lagash, Uruk, Eridu -Gilgamesh story c. 2000 B.C.
Akkadians	2300-2200 B.C.	-took over the Sumerian city-states -Sargon called himself "world conqueror" -1st empire
Amorites	2000-1550 B.C.	-"Old Babylonians" -created new capital: Babylon -6th Amorite king = Hammurabi (1792)
Hittites	c.1595 B.C.	-"Old Babylon" fell to hands of Hittite raiders (from modern Turkey) -iron smelting -Hittites withdrew leaving Mesopotamia to the Kassites
Assyrians	1100-612 B.C.	-fierce and warlike -used terror to govern -southern border was Egypt -controlled almost all of the Fertile Crescent under Ashurbanipal
Chaldeans	612-538 B.C.	-"New Babylonians" -drove the Assyrians out -King Nebuchadnezzar -Hanging Gardens of Babylon -defeated by the Persians
Persians	539 B.C.	-defeated the Chaldeans -King Cyrus created a vast empire -later became enemies of the Greeks