

Year 5 History – w/c 6th April 2020

This week, we will be learning about Ancient Sumer. Sumer was part of an area called Mesopotamia, which lay between the Euphrates River and the Tigris River; today, we would find this area in southern Iraq. Those of us who have begun to read the book, 'Varjak Paw' by S.F. Said, will know that the main character, Varjak Paw, is a Mesopotamian Blue cat and that his family originally descended from Mesopotamia.

Research Task

Watch the videos and the Powerpoint presentations ('Introduction to the Ancient Sumer' and 'Ancient Sumer Mark-Making'), and read the Ancient Sumer e-book.

Videos:

Introducing Ancient Sumer, BBC Teach

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygCqBZ_n9MM

Ancient Mesopotamia 101, National Geographic (Note: this is about Mesopotamia, not just Sumer.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVf5kZA0HtQ>

Follow up activities:

- 1) Answer the questions from the 'Introducing Ancient Sumer' Powerpoint presentation on a sheet of paper or in your Homework book.
- 2) Using the information in the Powerpoint presentations and the videos, complete the Ancient Sumer knowledge map. If you want to type on the sheet, you will need to insert a text box into each section first.
- 3) Create a cuneiform, using card and ink, or a soft material like playdoh or salt dough, and write a message using the Ancient Sumer Cuneiform Symbol sheet to guide you.

If you want to share your finished work with your teachers, take photos of it and send it to school by email to schoolclosure@hstb.co.uk Make sure you type **FAO Y5 Teachers** in the subject line and tell us who the email is from!