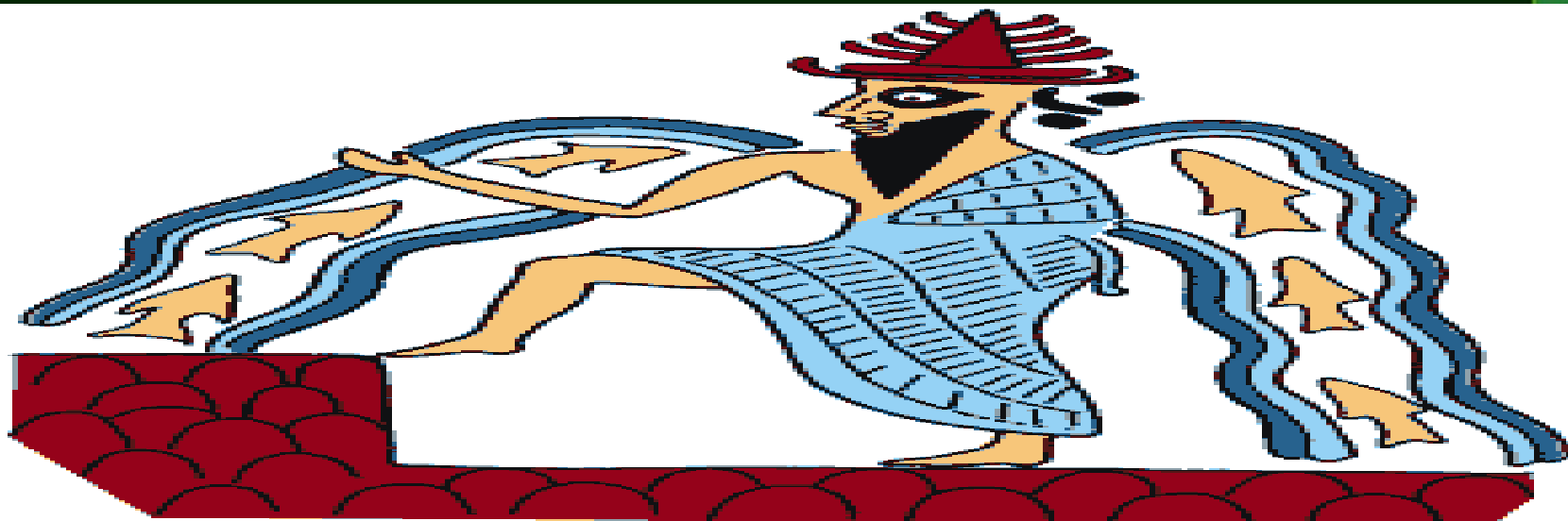


**Aim: What was religion like in ancient Sumer?**

**Do Now: What is religion?**

**HW: Be ready for a notebook check.**



# Religion played a major role in Sumerian society.

- Sumerian **polytheism** was the basis for all Sumerian society.
  - Polytheism-is the worship of many gods.
- Gods had enormous powers and represented nature or the duties of humans. Priests were people who performed religious ceremonies.
- Ziggurats- massive temples where Sumerians worshipped their gods. A rectangular shaped building with two to seven levels.

# Nanna Ziggurat at Ur







# Sumerian Gods & Goddesses

**An - God of the Heavens**

**Enki - Lord of Water and Wisdom**

**Enlil - God of Air and Storms**

**Ereshkigal - Goddess of Darkness,  
Gloom and Death**

**Inanna - Goddess of Love and War**

**Ki - Goddess of the Earth**

**Nammu - Goddess of the Sea**

**Ninhursag - Goddess of the Earth,  
Fertility**

**Utu - Sun God, God of Justice**



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## Enki- Lord of Water and Wisdom





## Enil- God of Air and Storms



# Ereshkigal - Goddess of Darkness, Gloom and Death





**Indpt work-Draw your own  
sumerian god or goddess for  
something in nature or for a  
rule man must follow. Make  
sure your drawing reflects  
what your god does.**



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