

Aim 8: How were people organized into different social classes in Mesopotamia?

Do Now: What different groups of people do we have in our society?

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Sumerian Social Class System

- Society was divided into different groups who had certain rights. The most favored people had the most rights.
- Kings, priests and wealthy people were at the top.
- Skilled workers, merchants and farmers were in the middle.
- Enslaved workers who worked to pay off their debt were the lowest.

Men and Women in Sumer

- Men generally held the political power and made laws.
- Women generally took care of the home and children.
- Education was generally reserved for men, but some upper class women were educated.
- Some women were priestesses in Sumerian temples.
 - Enheduanna, a priestess who wrote hymns, is the first known female writer in history.



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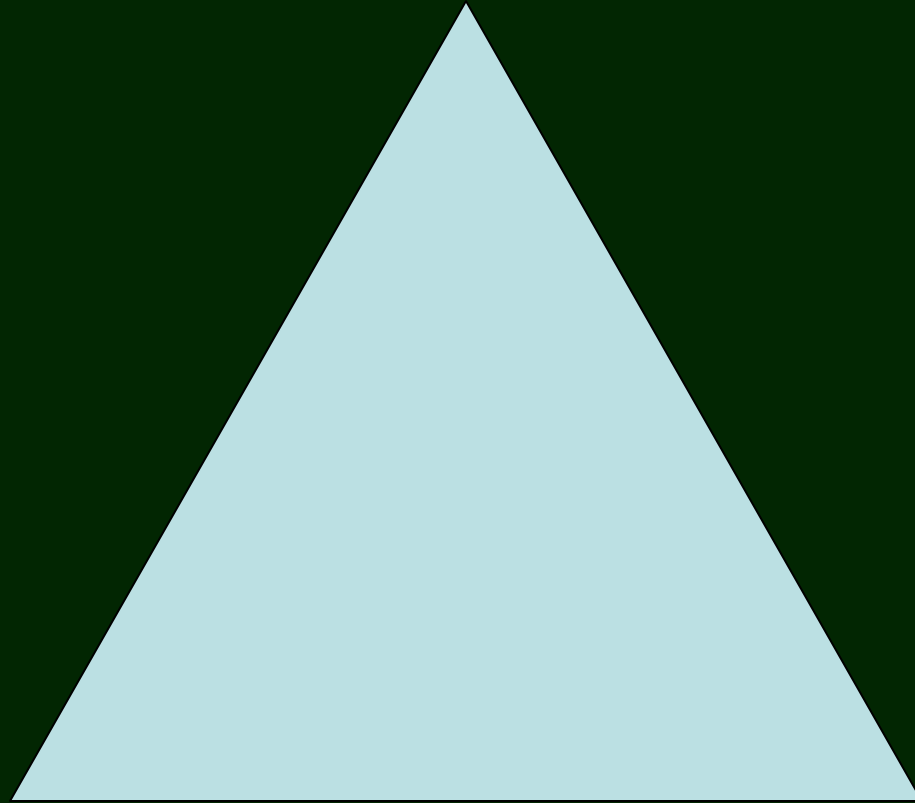
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Indpt Work:

Directions: Write which people belong on which level of the social class system in Ancient Mesopotamia.



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