## History-Earliest Civilisations

Following the developments of the Stone and Bronze Ages-humans started to create permanent settlements, cities, and civilisations. Four of the earliest known civilisations all boast significant achievements. All four civilisations were founded on the banks of great rivers. Rivers were essential for providing drinking water, trade, transport, a place to raise animals and fertile land to grow crops.

Map of the civilisations





Civilisation	River
Ancient Sumer	River Tigris and River
	Euphrates
Indus Valley	River Indus
Shang Dynasty	Yellow River/River Huang He
Ancient Egypt	River Nile

## Key Vocabulary

civilisation- a large group of people who share advanced ways of living and working.

settlement-places where people live and sometimes work.

achievement- a skill or something done successfully. trade-buying and selling things.

<u>Civilisation</u>	Achievement
Ancient Egypt	The Egyptian civilisation was
	significant because many of the tools
	and customs used in Britain began
	then. They invented papyrus.
Ancient Sumer	They developed the first cities, writing
	and the wheel.
Indus Valley	They are associated with early
	drainage systems, trade and early
	script and a grid system of roads in a
	city.
Shang Dynasty	They are associated with the
	development of writing, the calendar,
	chariots, large underground tombs,
	jade, silk and weapons.