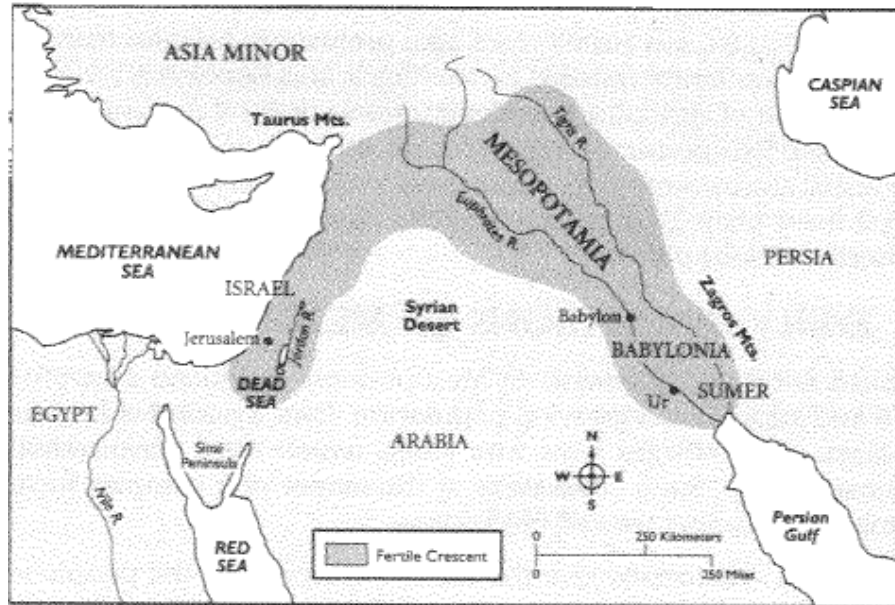


*The Hebrews*

**Document 1**



1. The Hebrews were a nomadic people whose origin can be traced back to the city of Ur which lies on the \_\_\_\_\_ River. The entire region that extends from Ur to Jerusalem is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Document 2**

*“Modern day Jews can thank us Hebrews because we are the founders of the Jewish religion. It wasn’t easy being a Hebrew back then. The Sumerians worshipped many gods, so did the Babylonians, so did the Egyptians and the Hindus. We were the first people to believe that there was only one almighty God to worship. Let the people of the Nile worship Amon-Re & dozens of other gods. We will worship Yahweh from now on.”*

1. According to this document, what was unique about the Hebrew religion? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you think people from other religions of the Fertile Crescent reacted to this Hebrew belief? \_\_\_\_\_

**Document 3**

*“Those of the Fertile Crescent religions are so difficult to follow. In one part of the Nile there are certain practices to follow. In other places priests tell us to follow the exact opposite practices. It seems as if there are no organized rules for their religion. We Hebrews are blessed that Yahweh has revealed his message to us in the holy writings of the Torah. The Torah tells us exactly what Yahweh wants and expects from us.”*

1. What was unique about the religion of the Hebrews? \_\_\_\_\_