

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON**1****Organizing Facts****LESSON 1 CONTENT MASTER**

* The chart shows the main ideas of the lesson. Fill in the blank spaces with the details that support each main idea. The first one has been done for you.

<p>Characteristics of civilizations</p> <p>1. <u>Development of cities</u></p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p> <p>6. _____</p> <p>7. _____</p>	<p>Steps in the development of writing</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Civilization Begins in the Middle East</p>	
<p>Sumerians built the first cities in Mesopotamia.</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p>	<p>King Hammurabi made a code of laws so that people could settle disputes.</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p>

Think and Write: In your town or city, name at least two examples of each characteristic of civilization you listed above. You may use the back of the sheet.

HAMMURABI'S CODE OF LAWS

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* The following paragraph tells about the Code of Laws of King Hammurabi, who ruled Babylon from ca. 1792 B.C. to 1750 B.C. The coded messages below tell more about the law code.

- In order to decode the messages, first fill in the key. Do this by writing the letter in the paragraph corresponding with each number. The first is done for you.
- Referring to the key, decode the messages by writing the correct letter above each number.

The code of Hammurabi was made up of nearly three hundred legal listings. They were based on Akkadian and Sumerian laws. The laws covered business, family life, government, and witchcraft. There was one overriding principle for all laws.

KEY	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\frac{E}{\bar{3}}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{6}$	$\bar{7}$	$\bar{8}$	$\bar{9}$	$\bar{10}$	$\bar{11}$	$\bar{12}$	$\bar{13}$	$\bar{14}$	$\bar{15}$	$\bar{16}$	$\bar{17}$	$\bar{18}$
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The overriding principle for Hammurabi's laws was, " $\bar{14}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{3}$ $\bar{13}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{12}$ $\bar{11}$ $\bar{10}$ $\bar{5}$ $\bar{13}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{1}$ $\bar{9}$ $\bar{9}$ $\bar{10}$ $\bar{11}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{15}$ $\bar{12}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{3}$ $\bar{17}$ $\bar{3}$ $\bar{1}$ $\bar{8}$."

The code provided for $\bar{7}$ $\bar{10}$ $\bar{2}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{16}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{2}$ $\bar{15}$ $\bar{1}$ $\bar{9}$ $\bar{12}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{5}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{13}$ $\bar{1}$ $\bar{10}$ $\bar{2}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{3}$ $\bar{1}$ $\bar{15}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{11}$ $\bar{12}$ $\bar{7}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{18}$ $\bar{11}$ $\bar{4}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{6}$ $\bar{3}$ $\bar{13}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{1}$ $\bar{14}$ $\bar{3}$."

Thinking Further: What is the main principle underlying the laws of the United States? Give an example of the application of this principle.
