

Directions: Use the chart below to construct a short response. Follow the "ACE" format to answer the question

Writing Prompt: Mesopotamia and Egypt grew into river valley civilizations. Compare and Contrast the two civilizations. How are they similar /different? Use the chart below to support your answer, (Remember to extend cites by using the document)

Comparing Mesopotamia to Egypt		
	Mesopotamia	Egypt
Natural Defenses	Flat mud plains; few natural defenses	Many defenses: Nile delta, Sahara, Eastern Desert, and cataracts
Rivers	Tigris and Euphrates Rivers	Nile River
Floods	Unpredictable, and a constant threat to the people	Dependable and regular; not feared
Economy	Farming and trade	Farming and trade
Government	City-state led by kings and priests; eventually empires formed	Villages led by chiefs, then united into kingdoms; kingdoms later united and ruled by pharaohs
Work of Artisans	Metal products, pottery, cloth	Metal products, pottery, cloth
Advances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuneiform writing • Number system based on 60 • 12-month calendar • Wagon wheel, plow, sailboat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hieroglyphic writing • 365-day calendar • Number system based on 10, and fractions • Medicine and first medical books