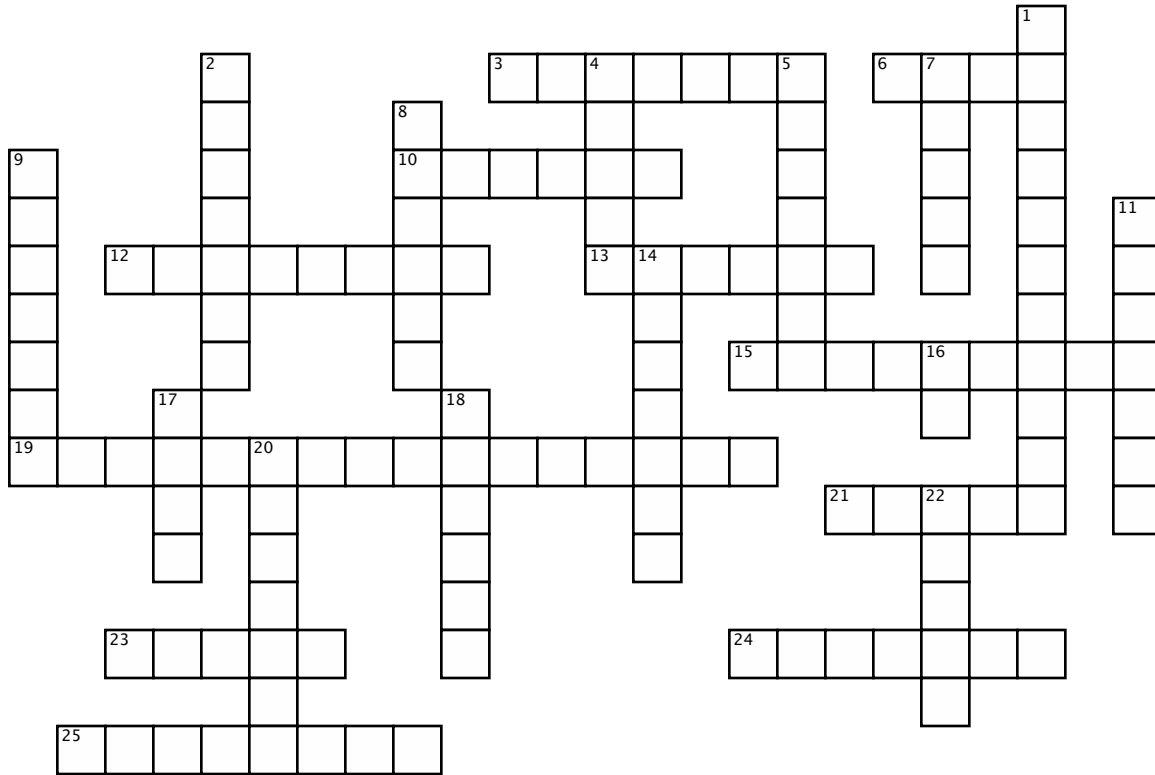


The Cradles of Civilization

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Across

3. The first capital of the North African cradle of civilization.
6. This long river runs south to north; it nourished an ancient pyramid-building culture. Humans settled on its banks as early as 5,000 B.C.
10. The correct meaning of this word refers to ancient speakers of Indo-European languages.
12. They conquered Babylon in 1595 BC, ending its first empire. At first they were enemies of Egypt but later allied with that nation through a royal marriage. Their homeland was called Anatolia.
13. A desert today; in ancient times this was a grassland good for hunting.
15. Building on the previous Babylonian king's success, he expanded Babylon's empire and improved its legal system
19. He was the Chaldean ruler of the second Babylonian Empire from 605 to 562 B.C. He conquered Jerusalem. (Include the Roman numerals behind his name).
21. The most eastern of the four cradles of civilization.
23. The cradle of civilization found in North Africa.
24. This food-producing practice caused people to settle rather than roam as nomads.
25. Around 1894 B.C. this Babylonian king conquered the surrounding city-states and created an empire

Down

1. One of the four cradles of civilization, it is the region today known as Iraq.
2. Chaldeans, Arabs, and Jews are all this type of people
4. This king united the ancient cradle of civilization in North Africa around 3100 B.C.
5. A dozen cities built near two rivers and ancient irrigation systems, this was the first ancient civilization in the Middle East.
7. The river valley that provided a cradle to an ancient civilization in India
8. The battle between Egypt and the Hitties in 1275 B.C. (before the royal marriage).
9. Around 2,000 B.C. this city-state came to dominate the ancient Middle East
11. Rebuilt 20 times over the last 10,000 years, this may be the world's oldest settlement.
14. This nation, known for its especially cruel practices, fought Egypt and the Hittites. Their prisoners faced crucifixion, beheading, impaling, and being skinned alive.
16. This mud brick city's best known former resident was called Abraham.
17. An ancient culture; its lands today are known as the Sudan
18. The river in ancient China that provided a cradle for civilization.
20. One of the ancient cities of India; its bricks were used to build railroads by the British
22. This cradle of civilization had cities that were laid out in rectangular grids and had sewer systems.