

Ziggurats in Mesopotamia-Answer Key

1. **Answers will vary.** Sample answer: Mesopotamian civilizations built ziggurats to re-create the mountain homes of the gods. According to the text, they believed the gods lived in mountains. They believed that "the "higher they built the ziggurat, the closer people would be to their gods."
2. **Answers will vary.** Sample answer: There were kitchens and bedrooms in ziggurats because Mesopotamians believed the gods could take on human form to visit people. The kitchens and bedrooms were in the temple for the gods to eat and sleep when they came there.
3. **Answers will vary.** Sample answer: The Mesopotamians used fired bricks on the outside of ziggurats because they were sturdier than baked bricks, and they could be covered with different colors.
4. **Answers will vary.** Sample Answer: The Mesopotamians were innovative because they came up with new ideas, like drainage pipes and ways to use different types of bricks to keep rain and the elements out.