Write the answer to these questions in complete sentences and paragraphs. Be sure to include the question in your answer. Each set of questions will create one paragraph. (You will have 8 – 10 paragraphs when you are done.)

**PHYSICAL FEATURES**
What are the geographical advantages of deserts and mountains to a civilization?
What are the geographical disadvantages of deserts and mountains to a civilization?
What are the geographical advantages of settling along rivers and seas?
What are the geographical disadvantages of settling along rivers and seas?

**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS**
In ancient civilizations, was writing common among the people?
Who was responsible for most of the writing?
What kind of things would they record?
What materials did a scribe use, and where did they find those materials?

**UNIQUE SOCIAL ASPECTS**
Who were the Israelites?
Where did they live?
How did the Israelites view their leaders?
What religion did the Israelites practice?
What is Judaism?
Why was it significant to other civilizations (list 2 civilizations it affected)?

**ECONOMY**
What does it mean to trade?
Who were the Phoenicians?
What did the Phoenicians use to communicate with other traders along the Mediterranean Sea?
How did this make communication easier among traders along the Mediterranean Sea?
How did they become a sea power?
What types of things did the Phoenicians trade?
Who were the Babylonians?
Why was Babylon important?
Where did the Babylonians trade their goods?

**GOVERNMENT / MILITARY**
What was Hammurabi’s Code?
What civilization was it found in?
Why is it significant?

What is an empire?
What happened as empires conquered each other?
Where did an empire get all of its money?
What kind of military tactics did the Assyrians use to conquer civilizations?