

Euphrates River
Hey, I got a new one for you about ancient Mesopotamia
Euphrates River and the Tigris River form the cradle of civilization.

(CHORUS)

Akkadians long ago, conquered Sumer, took control.
Sargon led his armies in the chariots they roll.
By the Euphrates River,
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By the Persian Gulf is where they found
Ancient ruins underground.
Archeologists did lots of excavation down
By the Euphrates River,
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Both the Euphrates River and the Tigris River used to flood,
Bringing lots of fertile mud.
But the problem was that the water washed away the crops.
Dams and levies made it stop,
When it was dry they would irrigate.
Fighting over water led to war between the city-states.
Cuneiform is ancient writing,
That tells that Sumer's city-states were always fighting.
They were the first civilization in Mesopotamia.
Then came the Akkadians,
Who started empire-mania.

(Repeat CHORUS)

King Sargon got real old,
Told his sons to the throne,
But the huge Akkadian empire would fall out of their control.
But then came Hammurabi, who would take full command.
Hammurabi was the king of the Babylonians, man.
Babylonia was the land where they told ya,
You obey Hammurabi's code,
Praise Hammurabi's code,
Break Hammurabi's code,
And you'll be saying Oh No!

(Repeat CHORUS)

Babylonians built roads,
They traded grain for gold.
They kept themselves united under Hammurabi's code,
Hammurabi's code,
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Hammurabi's code.
Which was a bunch of laws,
They believed had no flaws.
They obeyed it just because.
They thought Hammurabi was chosen by the gods, whoa
Chosen by the gods, whoa.

(Repeat CHORUS)

Mesopotamia!