

## 2.1 City-States in Mesopotamia (pp. 29-34)

**Section Outline:** Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- Geography of the Fertile Crescent
  - Environmental Challenges
  - Solving Problems through Organization
- Sumerians Create City-States
  - Priests and Rulers Share Control
  - The Spread of Cities
- Sumerian Culture
  - A Religion of Many Gods
  - Life in Sumerian Society
  - Sumerian Science and Technology
    - Arithmetic and Geometry
    - Architectural Innovations
    - Cuneiform
- The First Empire Builders
  - Sargon of Akkad
  - Babylonian Empire
  - Hammurabi's Code