

## 2.3 Babylon and Assyria (pp. 66-71)

**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.

- Powerful New Kingdoms
  - The Growth of Assyria
  - A King to the South
- The Laws of Hammurabi
  - Words to Live By
  - A Time of War
  - Assyrian City Life
- A Common Heritage
  - Nineveh Is Destroyed

**Reading Check Questions:** Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. How did Hammurabi gain control of Mesopotamia?
2. Why was Assyria able to conquer all of its neighbors so easily?
3. Why and how was the Assyrian Empire defeated?