What Do You Know?

Directions: Quiz a parent or partner to see how much you know about the history and cultures of North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia.*

Student: What two famous rivers bordered Mesopotamia?

Partner’s answer:

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Partner: Why did Egyptians build the pyramids?

Partner’s answer:

Student: What are the three holy books of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

Partner: Who were the first people known to use the wheel and the plow?

* With your student, find answers to these questions in the student textbook.
School-to-Home Connection Activity

When Did It Happen?

Directions: Listed below are years, followed by events that were important in the history and cultures of North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia. Write the letter of the event next to its proper date on the time line.

1. About 5000 B.C.: ____
2. About 4000 B.C.: ____
3. About 1800 B.C.: ____
4. About 1790 B.C.: ____
5. About 1000 B.C.: ____
6. About the year A.D. 1: ____
7. About A.D. 570: ____
8. Late 1200s: ____
11. 1979: ____
12. 1980s: ____

A. Phoenician trading ships sailed the Mediterranean.
B. Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty.
C. Palestine was split between the Jews and the Arabs, and Israel became a nation.
D. Sumerians settled in Mesopotamia.
E. Islamic revolution in Iran overthrew the shah.
F. Jesus was born. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
G. Egyptians settled along the Nile River.
H. Golda Meir was prime minister of Israel.
I. Muhammad was born. Muslims believe that God chose Muhammad as His last prophet.
J. Hammurabi wrote one of the first codes of law.
K. The Ottoman Empire arose in the region.
L. God made a covenant with Abraham.
M. Iran and Iraq fought a war that cost a million lives.