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Was Ancient Sumer a Civilization? Response Paper (Spectrum Version)

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Task: write a short essay in which you explain why ancient Sumer is considered by many historians to be one of the first true civilizations. Write a rough and final draft. The final draft should be **neatly** written in pen or typed.

Paragraph #1 - “Was Ancient Sumer a Civilization?”

1. Begin with a clear **topic sentence** that answers the question “was Ancient Sumer a Civilization?”
2. Refer to at least two of the **characteristics of civilization** (refer to your notes for a complete list).
3. Refer to at least two **artifacts** that relate to the characteristics of civilization.
 - a. Give two **descriptive details** about each artifact.
 - b. Explain the **relationship** between the artifacts and the characteristics of civilization. Try to use vocabulary words from your reading notes.
4. This paragraph should be at least six sentences long.

Paragraph #2 - Connection to the Modern World

1. Begin with a topic sentence that identifies a characteristic of civilization that you think is important to your daily life. Think about one way that Sumer is **similar** to the modern world.
2. Identify at least **two specific examples** that show this characteristic of civilization relates to you.
3. This paragraph should be 3 - 5 sentences long.