## **Discover Mesopotamia**

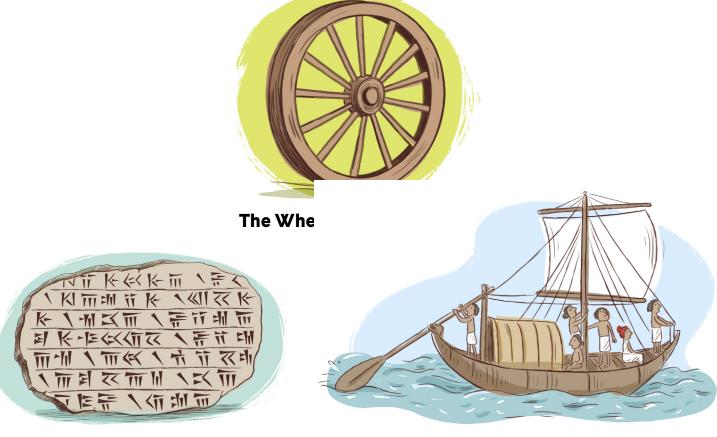
In ancient times, Iraq was part of a large region called Mesopotamia, which is often called the "cradle of civilization" because of the many things invented there. Here are just a few.



**Measuring Time** (using hours, minutes, and seconds)



Farming (growing food to eat)



**Cuneiform** (the first form of writing)

**Sailboats**