

First Emperor of Mesopotamia- Answer Key

1. **Answers may vary.** Example Answer: Sargon remained in control of all city-states in his empire by ordering cities destroy to their walls. This meant there were no physical barriers between city-states and the chances of rebellion would be greatly lowered.
2. **Answers may vary.** Example Answer: It was important for Sargon to make Akkadian the official language of Mesopotamia because it lessened language barriers and helped promote unity throughout the whole empire.
3. **Answers may vary.** Example Answer: 1) Sargon was the first ruler to have a standing army and also fought alongside his soldiers. 2) He promoted trade with other parts of the world, which helped stimulate the empire's economy.
4. Mesopotamians traded olive oil, leather, and wool for Indian pearls, copper, and ivory.