Chapter 4: The Rise of Sumerian City States

Fill in the blanks with the missing word(s).

4.1 Introduction

- Villages located in the rolling hills and low plains were called ________________.
- Mesopotamia is the Greek word meaning “the land between the rivers” because it was located between the ________________ River and ________________ River.
- Cities appeared in the southern part of the land called ________________.
- The first cities were like small, independent countries and had their own ruler with their own farmland to provide food.
  - Since they had these 3 traits they were called ________________.

4.2 Mesopotamia: A Difficult Environment

- The northern part of Mesopotamia was hilly and very rainy. The southern part was low plains, or flat land.
- The southern part of Mesopotamia was not very good because of the little rain it received and farms need water to grow crops but did not receive the water it needed.
- Mesopotamia faced four key problems in surviving in this environment:
  1) ________________
  2) ________________
  3) ________________
  4) ________________
- Over time, Mesopotamia found solutions to these problems.