

ANCIENT WORLD

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How tools are made in Ancient times ?

- Human learnt to make tools and weapons of **stone, bone and wood**.
- This age is called **Stone AGE**.
- **The Stone Age was followed by the Metal Ages – Bronze Age and Iron Age.**

How Stone Age Humans Made Hand Axes



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BRONZE AGE

- The cultures based on the use of **both stone and copper** are called **Chalcolithic Cultures**.
- This is also called Bronze Age because of the
- **Invention of bronze in this period which is an alloy of copper and tin.**
- People learnt how to make **bricks and use them in construction.**

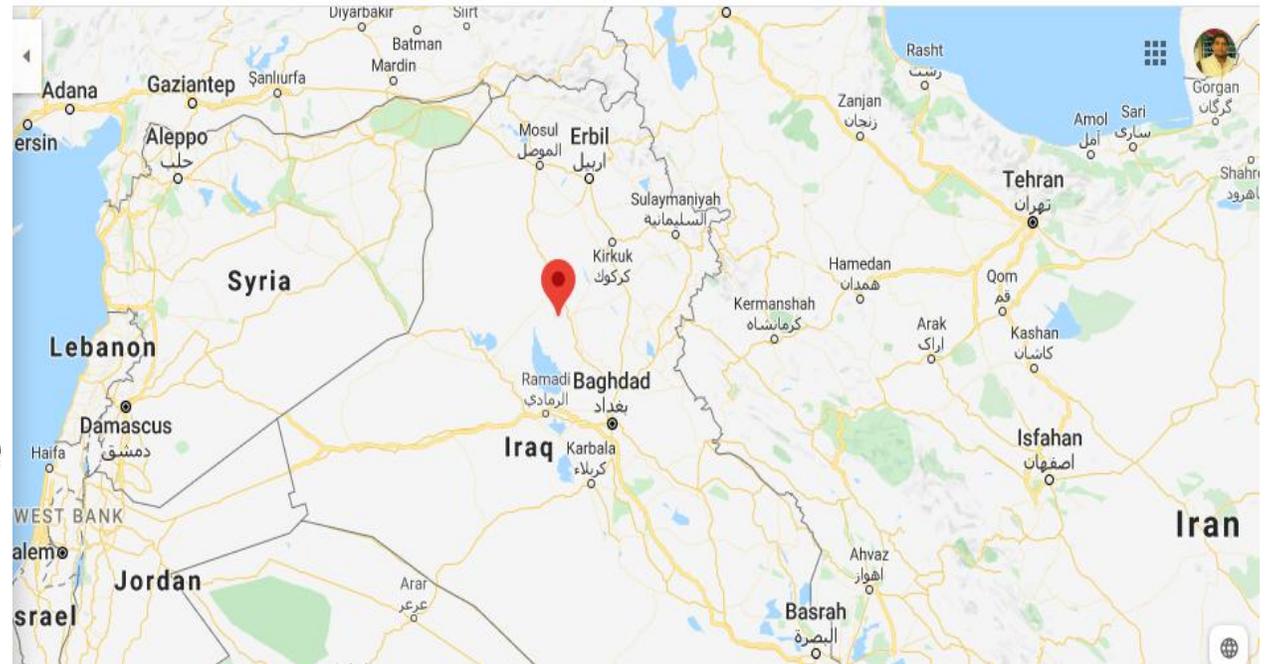


Four Major BRONZE AGE Civilization in The World

- That are Mesopotamia, Egypt, India and China.

Mesopotamia

Mesopotamia was the land lying between two rivers, **Tigris and Euphrates**, which lie in modern day Iraq.



Mesopotamian Civilisation

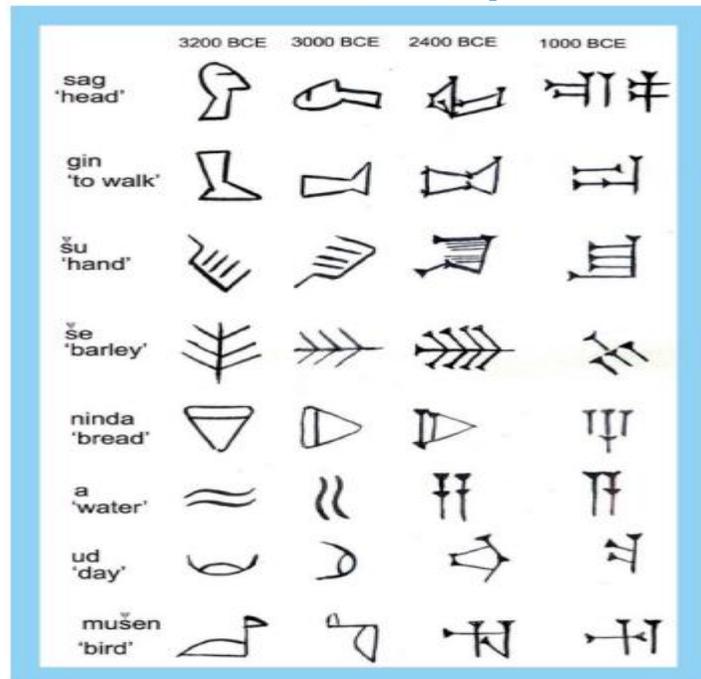
The abundant agricultural produce enabled the growth of a number of crafts persons like **smiths**, **potters**, **masons**, **weavers** and **carpenters**.

- Bullock Carts, wagons, boats and ships were used for **transport and communication**.



Writing and Gods

- They drew **wedge-like lines** and so this script came to be known as **Cuneiform script**.



- The people of Mesopotamia **worshipped many gods and goddesses** like **sky, sun, moon, fertility,**
- etc. Each city had its own patron god or goddess.

2. Egyptian Civilisation

- The civilisation arose in Egypt, along the River Nile, which made the land very fertile. The Egyptian kings were called Pharaohs.



Egypt Civilization's Administration , Scripts and God

Administration

Ministers and officers in their service that administered the land and collected taxes for them.



Figure 1.2 Hieroglyphics Script

• Temples

- Temples were dedicated to a particular god in each town or city.

• Writing

- The ancient Egyptian script was called Hieroglyphics
- Egyptians had considerable knowledge of weights and measures.

MUMMY (preserved the dead bodies)

- The Egyptians believed in afterlife, they preserved the dead bodies. These were called mummies. The pyramids were built as tombs to keep the mummified bodies of the dead kings.



3. Chinese Civilisation

The Chinese civilisation grew up in the **Hwang Ho valley** in North China.



Ruler in China at Bronze Age Civilization

- The first rulers known were the **Shangs** (1523 BC to 1122 BC), who built China's first cities

The Zhous

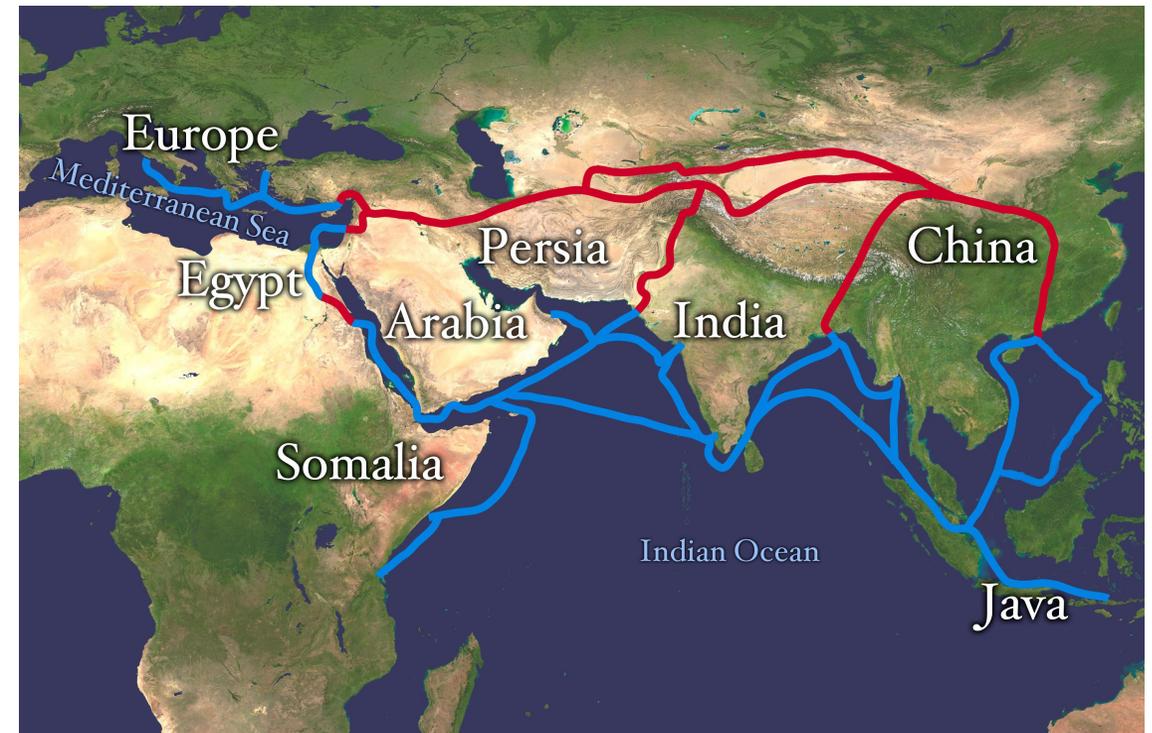
- The Shang dynasty was overthrown by the Zhous, who built strong forts and walled towns to defend themselves from invaders.

- In 221 BC, the **Chin rulers** came to power in China. They ordered the use of **common language, common laws and common weights** and measures throughout their empire



Silk Route

- After the Chins, the Han dynasty came to power, who ruled till AD 220. It was during
- This period that Chinese traders had contact with the West through the famous Silk Route, crossing Central Asia and Persia.



Gods and Preacher in China

- Worship of ancestors, nature and spirits were very common.
- In China a famous religious preacher named Confucius

