

# The Incredible Inventions of Ancient Sumer

Read the text carefully and then answer the following questions in as much detail as you can.

1. Why are the ancient Sumerians credited as being one of the most advanced early civilisations?  

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2. How did the ancient Sumerian writing script change over time?  

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3. Why is 'cuneiform' so called?  

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4. How did the ancient Sumerian farmers ensure they were able to use their land all year round?  

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5. Explain how a 'seeder plough' works and draw a picture of what you think it looked like.  

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6. How was the wheel first used?  

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7. In what ways do you think the loom benefited the weaving industry?  

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8. In what ways do you think the ancient Sumerian counting system was based on multiples of 6 and 10?  

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9. How did the ancient Sumerians track the passing of time?  

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10. How does the ancient Sumerian system of government compare to our system of government today?  

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11. Why do you think it was important for the king and nobles to listen to the views of the people?  

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12. What ancient Sumerian invention do you think was the most important? Explain why.  

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## Challenge:

Design an advertisement for an ancient Sumerian invention. Describe its function and features and explain how it will benefit the user.