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## World History

### Unit 2 - Assignment

# Writing: The Greatest Invention!

The invention of writing is part of the development of the following four early civilizations:

1. The Nile Valley
2. The Fertile Crescent
3. Early South Asia
4. Early China

Complete the chart on the four different types of writing that correspond with each of the above early civilizations. You must compare (show how they are alike) and contrast (show how they are different) the four different kinds of writing. Once you have completed the chart, write a detailed paragraph that explains why writing was important to the growth of these four civilizations.

	<b>Compare</b> (How is it like the others)	<b>Contrast</b> (How is it different from the others)
The Nile Valley: <b>Egyptian Hieroglyphics</b>		
The Fertile Crescent: <b>Sumerian cuneiform</b>		
Early South Asia: <b>Harappan pictograms</b>		
Early China: <b>Chinese written script</b>		