**Lesson 6 : Exploring Four Empires of Mesopotamia**

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| **capital** | a city that is the center of the government |
| **code of laws** | a collection of written laws and rules |
| **economy** | the way a region or country uses resources to produce and sell or trade goods and services to meet people’s needs and wants |
| **empire** | a large territory in which several groups of people are ruled by a single leader of government |
| **siege** | a military blockade and attack on a city to force it to surrender  |
| **tribute** | wealth sent from one country or ruler to another as a sign that the other is superior |