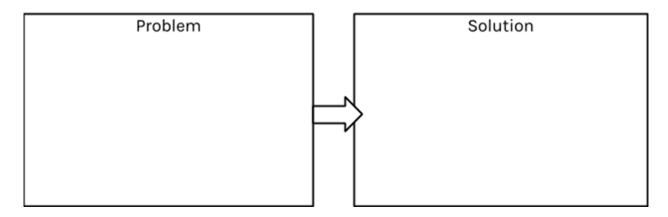
The Rise of Sumerian City-States

Think of a recent problem or challenge that you faced, and what you did to solve it. In the "Problem" box in the flowchart below, draw a simple illustration of the problem or challenge. In the "Solution" box, draw a simple illustration to show how you solved the problem.



- 1. List the major problems that Mesopotamians faced.
- 2. How did Mesopotamians modify their environment to solve these problems?
- 3. How did geographic challenges eventually lead to the rise of city-states?

Processing Activity:

On the back of this page, create a real estate advertisement to encourage people to move to one of the Sumerian city-states. Include the following:

- A clever title for the advertisement, to catch the reader's eye. Be sure it includes the words Sumerian City-State.
- At least three illustrations representing the ideas the Sumerians came up with to solve key problems.
- A caption for each visual that describes the solution and why it helped make this Sumerian city-state a desirable place to live.