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.