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| Jobs | Farmers | Merchants | Scribes | Artisans |
| Description | Planted and harvested crops year-round (on land that usually belonged to the king or a temple) Worked long and hard days in the field | Bought, sold, and traded goods, usually travelling around and/or selling in the streets | Required many years of difficult schooling; Wrote in cuneiform | Weavers, carpenters, and masons usually specialized in one skill and made a living off of it |
| Type of Worker | Lower Class  (peasants) | Middle Class | Middle Class  (highly respected) | Middle Class |
| Effect on Economy | Provided food for many people as well as their family (if they’re lucky) | Allowed people to buy, sell, and trade | Was a very helpful form of communication and recording data | Helped cities grow by building houses and temples and crafting hand-made items |