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LITERATURE

THE ANCIENT KINGDOMS OF ANATOLIA OCCUPIED MOST OF WHAT IS NOW MODERN TURKEY. AN AREA REFERRED TO AS THE 'ANCIENT NEAR EAST', CONSIDERED ONE OF THE CRADLES OF CIVILISATION. IT WAS HERE THAT INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE WAS FIRST PRACTISED AND THIS LED TO THE RISE OF DENSE URBAN SETTLEMENTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRALISED GOVERNMENT, AND ORGANISED RELIGION AND WARFARE. IT ALSO SAW THE CREATION OF THE FIRST CURRENCY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND CODES OF LAW. EARLY ADVANCES WERE MADE THAT LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF ASTRONOMY AND MATHEMATICS AND THE INVENTION OF THE WHEEL.

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