

Student Handout 6: Cross-Text Analysis of Laws

	Hammurabi	Egypt, confession of the deceased
Livestock/farming		
Trade / business		
Marriage / relationships		
Treatment of slaves		
Private Property / personal wealth		

Cross-Text Analysis Group Discussion Questions:

1. What values were common in both societies? What important differences can you identify?
2. In what ways do these laws deal with some of the problems we listed on the board at the beginning of this lesson?
3. How do portions of the documents contribute to upholding social order?
4. What can you infer about the main concerns or problems of each society?
5. How did the surrounding environment, combined with their way of life, influence the types of laws they developed?
6. How do the ideas of justice, values, and morality from the ancient civilizations compare with American ideas about these same topics?

You will be assigned one question. Record your answer below:

We think that.....

Our evidence from the text includes: