

Activity 4: Hammurabi's Code: How does it reflect Babylonian society?

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Group 4 Jobs in Mesopotamia

Babylonia flourished during Hammurabi's reign. A network of roads and a postal system aided communication within the empire. Thousands of surviving cuneiform clay tablets document an organized society with a flourishing commerce, in which transactions were routinely recorded.

After reading precepts 102, 104, 227, 240, and 274 of [Hammurabi's Code](#) at the Edsitement-reviewed [Avalon Project](#), answer the following questions:

NOTE: a *gerah* is a denomination of money.

1. What jobs does the code indicate were performed in ancient Babylon?

2. What indication is there that Hammurabi took an interest in seeing that fair prices were set for labor?

3. What unexpected job did the tradesman in #227 do?
