1-3 Notes

* Assyrians – lived near the Tigris River.
* The first large army to use iron weapons.
* They learned the iron making skill from the Hittites.
* The Assyrians were ferocious warriors.
* Nineveh is the capital city of the Assyrian empire.
* Assyrian kings divided the empire into PROVINCES – political districts (states)
* One of the world’s first libraries was in Nineveh.
* The Chaldeans saw the Assyrians fighting among themselves and attacked! No more Assyrian empire!
* Chaldeans king was Nebuchadnezzar who conquered and controlled ALL of Mesopotamia.
* Babylon is the great, rich trading center of King Neb’s empire.
* King Neb built the Hanging Gardens of Babylon – one of the Ancient Wonders of the World
* Caravan – group of traveling merchants
* Chaldeans’ ASTRONOMERS –people who study heavenly bodies-sun,moon,stars,planets—created the first sundial and the seven-day week.
* The Persians conquered the Chaldeans.