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?
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2. What indication is there that Hammurabi took an interest in seeing that fair prices were set for labor?
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3. What unexpected job did the tradesman in #227 do?
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