Summary

This book is about the rise and fall of the Babylonian Empire.
Look at the picture and answer the questions.

1. Where do kings and queens often live?  
2. What kind of temple is in the illustration above?  
3. What is an area up high that a person can stand called?  
4. What was used to make roads in the city of Babylon?
A Read and match.

1. ![Image](image1) • a. balcony

2. ![Image](image2) • b. battle

3. ![Image](image3) • c. goddess

4. ![Image](image4) • d. dirty

5. ![Image](image5) • e. priest

6. ![Image](image6) • f. ziggurat

7. ![Image](image7) • g. garbage

8. ![Image](image8) • h. capture
**B Write the word for each definition.**

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1. _____________  to take control of a country or defeat people in a war

2. _____________  a group of countries ruled by one person or government

3. _____________  a set of rules and laws

4. _____________  very old

5. _____________  very far; in the distance

**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. The extensive group of countries of Babylon ruled the lands that are now Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.
   a. empire  b. palace  c. battle  d. kingdom

2. The Ishtar Gate is named after the female god Ishtar.
   a. slave  b. emperor  c. goddess  d. priest

3. Nebuchadnezzar built large homes, bridges, and other things.
   a. balconies  b. ziggurats  c. temples  d. palaces

4. According to an old story, Nebuchadnezzar built the Hanging Gardens for one of his wives.
   a. record  b. book  c. legend  d. code
Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

a. In 626 BC, Nabopolassar took control in Babylon.
b. The Ishtar Gate was built with special blue stones.
c. Farms around Babylon grew things that the people needed.

1. ________  2. ________  3. ________

B Choose the best answer.

1. Before Nebopolassar, who controlled the city of Babylon?
   a. The Turks  b. The Iranians  c. The Assyrians  d. The Romans

2. How did the city leaders “clean” the streets of Babylon?
   a. With large brooms  b. With slaves  c. By punishing people who littered  d. By covering them with clay

3. To whom did Babylon eventually fall, ending the Neo-Babylonian Empire?
C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

a. A map of the Assyrian Empire
b. A man called “Evil Merodach”
c. The conquering Babylonian army
d. Thousands of Jewish people moving to Babylon
e. The tomb of Cyrus the Great in modern-day Iran

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D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. The Neo-Babylonian Empire fell around 600 BC.
2. Conquered people were usually moved from their land to keep them in fear.
3. The temple at the top of the Babylonian ziggurat was dedicated to the goddess Ishtar.
4. Nebuchadnezzar was king for 43 years.
5. At one time, a child led the Babylonian Empire.
Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Nebopolassar led the Babylonians in several _________ against the Assyrians.
   battles, conquers

2. The temple of Marduk was located atop the huge _________ in the middle of the city.
   ziggurat, balcony

3. The Hanging Gardens were built to remind Nebuchadnezzar’s wife of her _________ home.
   temple, faraway

4. The leaders “cleaned” the _________ streets of Babylon by covering them with clay.
   dirty, garbage

5. Nabonidus was made king after the _________ Marduk caused some trouble.
   slave, priest

Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

a. _______ Cyrus the Great captured Babylon.

b. _______ Amel Merodach ruled Babylon for three years.

c. _______ Nebuchadnezzar became the most famous king of the Neo-Babylonian Empire.

d. _______ Nabonidus and Belshazzar led Babylon for 14 years.

e. _______ Nabopolassar defeated the Assyrians and grew the Babylonian Empire.
A) Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

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<td>During his 43 years as king, Nebuchadnezzar built palaces, and more!</td>
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<td>Nebuchadnezzar expanded the empire and made Babylon one of the greatest</td>
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B) Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned ____________________________________________
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Before I read this book, I knew ____________________________________
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Now I also know ____________________________________________
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