The lives of the Sumerians and the Egyptians were equally as similar as they are different. The quintessential difference between the Sumerians and the Egyptians can be put into perspective by comparing their sources of water. The Sumerians relied on the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers, while the Nile provided Egyptians with necessary resources. The Tigris and the Euphrates rivers, which they depended on, periodically flooded and threatened to cause the Sumerian people to once again become nomadic. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers were not the only sources of chaos for the Sumerians. The rivers had competition providing chaos for the Sumerian people with the Sumerian people themselves. The Sumerian city-states where wholeheartedly infatuated with independence, competed with each other, and resisted unification. The Sumerians might have resisted unification, however, the Egypt became a unified country. The Egyptians were in a lot safer position than the Sumerians because the flooding of the Nile was predictable, which was able to replenish the fields and provide water for irrigation. Both the Sumerians and the Egyptians built impressive temples for their Gods, even though they had disagreeing views about the relationship between their Gods and their rulers. The Egyptians believed that the pharaohs, who ruled them, were gods themselves. The Sumerian kings had a special relationship with the Gods but were not gods themselves. My favorite quote out of the reading is about the similarity between the Sumerians and the Egyptians, which is “as they changed the world, the world changed them”. 