Margaret Whiting records notes from various early 20th century publications relating to ancient civilizations, including Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. She records information about Inca art, pottery and dyeing, as well as a history of the people. She shows the most interest in the Mesopotamia region, drawing two maps and recording notes on the civilizations and peoples of the area. She records some notes on color and textiles of the region, but mostly focuses on the history and chronology of the area. She also has some notes on the early Indian, Chinese, Egyptian, English, Roman, and Greek civilizations. All notes are written in pencil.