

Key Concept 1.1 Big Geography and the Peopling of the Earth

1. Where did humans first appear on Earth, and what were their society, technology, and culture?
2. Describe earliest humans' technology & tools.
3. How did the earliest humans' society help them procure enough supplies to survive?

Key Concept 1.2 The Neolithic Revolution and Early Agricultural Societies

1. How did the Neolithic Revolution affect human societies economically & socially?
2. Where did the Neolithic Revolution first transform human populations?
3. Where did pastoralism persist even after the Neolithic Revolution?
4. What labor adjustments did humans make in order to facilitate the Neolithic Revolution?
5. What were the environmental effects of the Neolithic Revolution?
6. What effects did pastoralism & agriculture have on the food supply?
7. What were the social effects of the increased food supply caused by increase of agriculture?
8. What technological innovations are associated with the growth of agriculture?

Key Concept 1.3 The Development and Interactions of Early Agricultural, Pastoral, and Urban Societies

1. What are the defining characteristics of a civilization?
2. Where did the earliest civilizations develop, and why did they develop in those locations?
3. Who ruled the early states, and which segments of society usually supported the ruler?
4. Why were some early states able to expand and conquering neighboring states?
5. Give four examples of early empires in the Nile & Tigris/Euphrates River Valleys.
6. How did pastoral groups interact with developing empires?
7. How did culture play a role in unifying populations?
8. What architectural forms did early civilizations produce?
9. What forms of writing developed in ancient civilizations?
10. What pre-600 BCE religions strongly influenced later eras?
11. How did social and gender identities develop pre-600 BCE?
12. Describe the pre-600 BCE trading regions.