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Reading Guide

Agricultural Revolution & the Development of Civilizations

1.1: Prehistoric Peoples

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1. Why do archaeologists think that Neanderthals believed in life after death?
2. Each stone age is marked by what?
3. Look at the map on page 9. What were the first crops the ancients planted?
4. What technologies did people use during the Mesolithic Age?
5. How were Neolithic tools different than Mesolithic tools?
6. Neolithic people who settled in villages developed what new technologies ?
7. When people were hunter/gatherers (foragers), who went out hunting? Who stayed behind?
8. Why do you think the chores were divided as described in number 7?

1.2: The Foundations of Civilization

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9. A civilization has to have three things. What are they?
10. What do the locations of the four original civilizations have in common?
11. What is an artisan?
12. Why did early civilizations need calendars?
13. Why did the people in early civilizations need to invent writing?
14. Why did people begin using bronze, then iron?
15. What were the earliest known religions like?