

AP WORLD HISTORY

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PART ONE QUESTIONS

Prologue:

1. What is the difference between religiously based myths of origin and creation stories derived from scientific accounts?
2. Explain the three C's of world history.

Chapter 1:

1. What was the sequence of human migration across the planet?
2. In what ways did a gathering and hunting economy shape other aspects of Paleolithic societies?
3. Why did some Paleolithic peoples abandon earlier, more nomadic ways and begin to live a more settled life?
4. What is the significance of the Paleolithic era in world history?
5. In what ways did various Paleolithic societies differ from one another, and how did they change over time?
6. How might our attitudes toward the modern world influence our assessment of Paleolithic societies?

Chapter 2:

1. In what different ways did the Agricultural Revolution take shape in various parts of the world?
2. In what ways did agriculture spread? Where and why was it sometimes resisted?
3. What different kinds of societies emerged out of the Agricultural Revolution?
4. How did chiefdoms differ from stateless agricultural village societies?
5. The Agricultural Revolution marked a decisive turning point in human history. What evidence might you offer to support this claim, and how might you argue against it?
6. How did early agricultural societies differ from those of the Paleolithic era? How does the example of settled gathering and hunting peoples such as the Chumash complicate this comparison?
7. "The Agricultural Revolution provides evidence for 'progress' in human affairs." How would you evaluate this statement?

Chapter 3:

1. When and where did the First Civilizations emerge?
2. What accounts for the initial breakthroughs to civilization?
3. What was the role of cities in the early civilizations?
4. In what ways was social inequality expressed in early civilizations?
5. In what ways have historians tried to explain the origins of patriarchy?
6. How did Mesopotamian and Egyptian patriarchy differ from each other?
7. What were the sources of state authority in the First Civilizations?
8. In what ways did Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations differ from each other?
9. In what ways were Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations shaped by their interactions with near and distant neighbors?