

## Section 2

# **PREHISTORY**

## **OBJECTIVES:**

**DISCOVER HOW HUNTER-GATHERERS LIVED DURING THE STONE AGE**

**LEARN ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF FARMING**

# Introduction

- 3.5 million years ago in East Africa
- Huge explosion of volcano
- Rain on new ash- walked on my individuals
- Almost identical to modern humans (found in 1976)
- Study of early \_\_\_\_\_ (modern humans and earlier relatives)

# Stone Age Hunting and Gathering

- \_\_\_\_\_ Culture
  - Period during which hominids  
\_\_\_\_\_ usually made of stone
  - Also used \_\_\_\_\_
  - 100s of 1000s of yrs- until metal tools
  - Old Stone Age, Middle Stone Age, New Stone Age
  - OSA- no \_\_\_\_\_, only  
\_\_\_\_\_ (most of prehistory)

# Stone Age Hunting and Gathering

- Fire!
  - 1,400,000-500,000- hominids learned to use fire
  - Later learned to create fire- allowed them to move to \_\_\_\_\_

# Stone Age Hunting and Gathering

- Settling New Areas

- Early hominids left Africa- nomads

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- Hunted/gathered then moved on

- Spread across world-

- 500,000 years ago- Europe and Asia

- 30,000 years ago- North America (from Asia)

- 10,000 b.c.- reached Chile in South America

# The Beginning of Farming

- Early Farmers

- 11,000 years ago- SW Asia- discovered planting grass seeds caused \_\_\_\_\_

- New Stone Age- people \_\_\_\_\_

- OSA societies continued in the rest of the world

- Others became pastoral nomads

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- \_\_\_\_\_ (Iraq, Syria, etc) are still pastoral nomads

- Most societies- women farmed, men hunted

# The Beginning of Farming

- Farming Around the World
  - Some areas were great for farming- esp with long springs and summers
  - People realized \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were important
  - 9,000 years ago, Chinese farmers began planting \_\_\_\_\_ (and other crops)
  - Later- \_\_\_\_\_ - corn, beans, squash (see pg 15)

# The Beginning of Farming

- Plant Selection
  - Chose seeds from biggest, yummiest plants
    - Led to \_\_\_\_\_ (adapt for human use)
  - Changed crops into what we have today



# The Beginning of Farming

- Raising Animals

- Also learned to domesticate animals

- NSA- tamed useful wild animals- 1<sup>st</sup> was probably

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- Later sheep, goats, pigs- meat, milk, wool, and skins

- Bred animals to be \_\_\_\_\_

- 2500 b.c.- cattle, camels, horses, donkeys- carried heavy loads

# The Beginning of Farming

- The Challenge of Domestication
  - Other wild animals were tamed in history
    - India- \_\_\_\_\_
    - Assyrians and Egyptians- \_\_\_\_\_
    - Difficult to breed in captivity