

# The Beginnings of Civilization

## **Section 3**

Objectives:

Find out about the advantages people gained from settling down in one place.

Learn about the growth of early cities.

Understand how the first civilizations formed and spread.

# Advantages of a Settled Life

- Irrigation- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Often needed for farming
- Farming \_\_\_\_\_ than h/g but more  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Steady supply of food, no \_\_\_\_\_
- Often had a surplus  
\_\_\_\_\_ - stored for later  
use

# Advantages of a Settled Life

- The Population Grows
  - Surpluses allowed \_\_\_\_\_
  - Led to \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10k years ago- world pop. at 5 million
  - 7k years ago- most of the world farmed- world pop. at 20 million
  - Population grows exponentially

# Advantages of a Settled Life

- Early Villages and Towns
  - NSA farming settlements eventually grew into  

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  - Food surpluses let some people  

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 (a worker who is specially skilled in crafting items by hand)

# The Growth of Cities

- Most farming settlements didn't become cities
- To be a city, large surplus needed
  - For a large surplus, plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ needed
- Cities grew around bodies of water → surplus of food and water
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in Iraq
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in China
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in India

# The Growth of Cities

- The Earliest Cities
  - Cities were different from farming villages
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Larger \_\_\_\_\_
      - Storage buildings, buildings to worship gods, market buildings
    - Wider variety of \_\_\_\_\_

# The Growth of Cities

- Governments Form

- Needed for \_\_\_\_\_

- Kept \_\_\_\_\_ in society

- Provided \_\_\_\_\_

- Settled \_\_\_\_\_

- Managed \_\_\_\_\_

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# The First Civilizations

- Civilization

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- Began in New Stone Age

- Characteristics:

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# The First Civilizations

- The \_\_\_\_\_ Age
  - 6600 bc- Europe and Asia- artisans could  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3000 bc- learned (by accident) to mix  
\_\_\_\_\_ to make bronze-  
enter the Bronze Age
    - More durable than copper

# The First Civilizations

- Trade and the Spread of Ideas
  - Traded pottery, tools, weapons, baskets, cloths, spices, etc to distant cities for other goods
  - 3500 bc- \_\_\_\_\_ (rod on which a wheel turns)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ in city markets
    - Goods could \_\_\_\_\_
  - Water trade developed- merchant ships
  - Goods not the only thing traded- also  
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# The First Civilizations

- Social Classes Develop
  - Trade → prosperity → wealth → social classes
  - Social class

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- Most social class orders:
    1. King
    2. priests and nobles (officials and military officers)
    3. artisans, traders, and merchants
    4. common farmers and workers

\* slaves below the class system