The Earth and Its Peoples

- Part I The Emergence of Human Communities to 500 BC

1. Before Civilization

Who's comin' to my cave party next full moon?
Everybody must get stoned!



Definitions

- Civilization settled agricultural life + social, economic, & technological traits
- EX: city centers, territory, specialized jobs, wealth status, monument building, record-keeping, trade, interest in science/art
- ©Culture learned patterns of action & expression passed on
- EX: dwellings, clothing, tools/crafts, values/beliefs, languages
- WHistory development, transmission, & transformation of cultural practices & events

The Paleolithic Age

- Old Stone Age
- ©2 millionBC-8000BC
- Stone weapons/tools

- **10**Hunter-gatherers
- **O**Nomadic
- **O**Use of Fire

The Neolithic Age

- •New Stone Age
- **©**8000BC-2500BC
- Agricultural
- Animal Domestication

Sedentary Settlement

Pastoralism (herd-keeping)

Holocene Era – period of

global warming since last

Ice Age (9000BC-present)



Definition

• Agricultural Revolution – change from food gathering to food producing societies worldwide about (8000BC)



Baaaah. I have a question. How did animals like me become domesticated? Tame, I mean?

Check it. Our ancestors likely grazed more and more near human settlements since they drove away predators. We also ate their crops. Humans then selected the best of us to breed, and well...we became captive animals and a food source for them. I gotta be moooovin' out.

Life in a Neolithic community

- Hunter-gatherers were displaced, killed off, or absorbed by farming populations
- Marriage → Kinship
- Ulineage/Clans kinship units tied to land claims
- Matrilineal vs. Patrilineal Ancestry:
- Women revered for giving birth / men for physical ability
- OGods: Earth Mother, Sky God, elemental deities
- Megaliths giant stone arrangements (religious)
- EX: Stonehenge
- 1st cities Jericho, Catal Huyuk (trade centers)



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Stonehenge



Luowledge Checkpoint

What is the fundamental difference between Paleoltihic and Neolithic societies?

How do animals becomes tame?

What are 2 characteristics of life in a Neolithic community?

