

NEOLITHIC ERA COMPARED TO DAWN OF CIVILIZATION

SOCIAL LIFE

Egalitarian
Kinship ties of blood-related
family members

Women revered for
ability to give life

Social Classes emerged:

Women subordinated.

1. Kings, warriors, priests, scribes
2. Artisans, merchants, engineers
3. Peasant farmers, 4. Slaves

ARCHITECTURE

Small huts in villages

Monumental stone architecture!
(Megaliths)

Cities rose up with mud-brick houses,
city gates, city walls, roads, and
monumental architecture (Pyramids, Ziggurats)

POLITICAL LIFE

Respected elders governed
with advice from a council of elders

Warriors declared themselves monarchs
and established hereditary monarchies (dynasties)

ECONOMIC LIFE

Members of village lived hand-to-mouth
by subsistence farming - Herders lived
a nomadic existence wandering with herds

Trade greatly increased. People exchanged
sought-after goods. Surplus food stored in warehouses.
Farms became much larger.

MILITARY

Temporary defense due to a raid

Permanent military established.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Nature worship, goddess-worship,
fertility rituals, small village shrines to
various goddesses and gods, small temples

Large temples in cities. Temples dedicated to
goddesses and gods. Rituals, processions,
festivals held.

TECHNOLOGY

Textiles, hand spinning and weaving,
potters had wheel and kiln, hand plow

Metallurgy (copper, bronze, iron), irrigation,
wheel, ox-drawn plow, written language.

POPULATION

5 million

133 million