1. Give several reasons why the author sees history as an adventure.

2. Who among us are part of the human venture?

3. What is Webster’s Dictionary definition of “venture”?

4. What are the main threats to us in today’s world?

5. What have been some various interpretations given to explain how history unfolds?

6. According to the author, what is evident from the historical record?
7. Why is the course of human history more than just an adventure?

8. What is the definition of “civilization”?

9. What kind of quality of life do civilizations make possible?

10. Why have some people seen civilization as negative and harmful?

11. Despite extremely negative events, what pattern do we see again and again in human history?

12. Does the author value civilization? What passages indicate this?