

NEOLITHIC ERA - 10,000-3500 B.C.

(Answers found in Esler and Stavrianos texts)

1. What caused the Neolithic Era to occur?
2. List 3 ways in which life changed dramatically from Hunter/Gatherer Era to Neolithic Era.
3. When people learned how to become food producers, what crops did they begin to cultivate?
4. Food growing occurred as a "parallel development" or "parallel invention" in several different areas of the world at the same time. Name some areas of the world and some crops which were first cultivated.
5. Name the five most common species of animals domesticated during the Neolithic Era.
Horse, cow, pig, goat, sheep
6. If people lived on barren, infertile land, what occupation would they take up?
7. According to both authors, what kind of conflict often occurred in history?
8. What were the disadvantages of Neolithic life?

9. What crafts were developed and what advancements were made in Neolithic village life?
10. Describe the social life in Neolithic villages.
11. How was work regarded in Neolithic villages?
12. How did Neolithic village life evolve from tribe to clan to kingdom?
13. Was Neolithic village life egalitarian or was it stratified into several social classes?
14. Describe gender relations during the Neolithic era.
15. What effect did the Neolithic Revolution have on population growth?
16. What is L.S. Stavrianos' main answer to the question "What is the nature of human nature?" (Stavrianos, p. 37-38)
17. How and why did civilization emerge?