

STUDY GUIDE

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The First Civilizations

First Seed c. 8000 BC/BCE, Written Word c. 3500 BC/BCE, Pyramid c. 2600 BC/BCE

Directions: Use terms from the word box to fill in the blanks. Study this for the test!!!

- 1.) For all of human history, the best evidence suggests, humans hunted and gathered for their sustenance. In an area known as the Fertile _____ the first civilizations arose. The area was called _____ which meant "between the rivers". Those rivers were the Tigris & _____. The first woman to plant seeds discovered that she could grow _____ when discarded seeds grew. This led to the end of hunting & _____ as a new crop conquered the globe and it all began in the Middle East. Around the same time in the Nile Delta region of _____.
- 2.) Farming allowed for greater food produced from a small area of land. An acre of land could feed _____ as many people as hunting & gathering. From a single 60 pound bushel _____ of bread could be produced. By the year _____ farming reaches England.
- 3.) The first farm animals were _____, sheep, _____, and cattle. Animals that are tamed and bred are called _____ animals. Common _____ came about because of our living in close proximity to animals. Farmers were frequently attacked by others who were hungry and desperate. _____ skeletons from early farming folk showed signs of violence.

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seeds goats one in ten domesticated wheat 3000 BC/BCE tombs
writing two million violence pigs 70 loaves 5,001 times pharaohs two to three