

Study Guide: Unit 2 Early Humans and the Rise of Civilization

I. Define the following terms:

- a. Archeologists
- b. artifacts
- c. primary resource:
- d. secondary resource
- e. timeline
- f. BCE/CE
- g. civilization

II. Answer the following questions

1. Describe life during the Paleolithic Age (Old Stone Age). How did they eat? Where did they live?
2. Why did people live in larger communities during the Neolithic Age?
3. The Neolithic Age began with the development of what discovery?
4. Where did the early settlements live prior to moving to Mesopotamia? Why did they have to relocate?
5. List the 7 characteristics of a civilization
6. What does Mesopotamia mean? What two rivers surround this land?

7. Explain why early city states surrounded their cities with walls and moats.
8. Describe the purpose for creating an irrigation system. What types of irrigation did the Sumerians use?
9. What happened when people from many different villages used Sumerian irrigation systems?
10. How did farming change the way people lived?
11. Why did people move to the Fertile Crescent?
12. Why were Sumerian city states at war with each other?
13. Did the Sumerians have a monotheistic religion or a polytheistic religion? Why?
14. What was the first form of writing called? Who created it? How did they write? Why is this important?
15. After Sumer fell, Mesopotamia was taken over by many empires that suffered from the same problem. What was this problem?
16. What was the order of the empires after Sumer fell?

17. How were the Akkadians able to conquer Sumer? What type of power did they use? Who was the important general?

18. Describe the important military inventions created by Assyrians.

BCR Options

1. Based on the seven characteristics of a civilization, can Sumer be considered an actual civilization? Using four of the characteristics, give specific examples to support your answer. Make sure you use examples from class discussions and/or activities.
2. Describe life in the Neolithic time period. What changed once the humans discovered they could grow crops? How was their life different in Paleolithic times? Be able to provide three ways on how life changed, and how it affected human settlements forever.