

Neolithic

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1. In which order did the occupations listed below most likely develop in human history?

- (A) farmers
- (B) traders
- (C) nomadic herders
- (D) hunters and gatherers

- A. A,B,C,D B. B,D,A,C
- C. C,A,B,D D. D,C,A,B

2. In the Middle East during neolithic times, the development of farming brought about

- A. the establishment of permanent settlements
- B. a return to a nomadic lifestyle
- C. the rise of hunting as an important occupation
- D. increased dependence on the exportation of oil

3. One result of the Neolithic Revolution was

- A. an increase in the number of nomadic tribes
- B. a reliance on hunting and gathering for food
- C. the establishment of villages and the rise of governments
- D. a decrease in trade between cultural groups

4. The Neolithic Revolution was characterized by the

- A. change from nomadic herding to settled farming
- B. growth of iron toolmaking technology
- C. migration of early peoples to the Americas
- D. decline of large empires

5. Document 1

Early People and the Neolithic Revolution					
10,000 B.C.	9000 B.C.	8000 B.C.	7000 B.C.	6000 B.C.	5000 B.C.
End of last Ice Age	First crops grown in Middle East	Settlement at Jericho on West Bank of Jordan River	Settlement at Catal Hüyük in Turkey	Invention of plow and use of fertilizers in agriculture	Invention of wheel; used for transport
Domestication of goats	Domestication of cattle, pigs, sheep, chickens			Looms used to weave clothes	

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Based on this time line, identify *two* ways that people's lives changed during the Neolithic Revolution.

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Then, about 6000 B.C., and somewhere in the Near East (as far as we know), the Neolithic way of life began. It is still called "Neolithic" (New Stone Age, as Mesolithic means Middle, and Paleolithic means Old Stone Age), because the older anthropologists saw everything in the light of stonework, and thought of this "period" as the age of polished stone axes. But it means, rather, a state of culture in which food is planted and bred, not hunted and gathered . in which food is domesticated, not wild. If we had to choose the greatest single change in human history right up to the present, this would be it. I mean, of course, a change by cultural evolution, as distinct from a biological change like standing erect, or gradually becoming able to use culture and language in the first place. And I do not mean that the change was sudden, or dramatic to those who were changing, as though a light were being switched on. It was dramatic, but long after, in its consequences, because everything else we have achieved flowed out of this as a beginning....

William Howells, *Back of History*, Doubleday & Co.

Based on this document, identify *one* important result of the Neolithic Revolution.

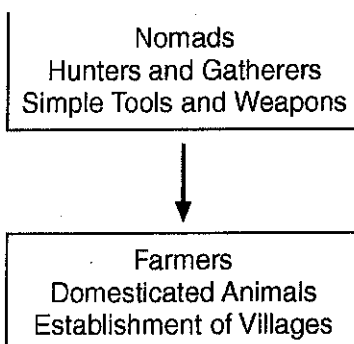
7. What was an important result of the Neolithic Revolution?

- A. Food supplies became more reliable.
- B. New sources of energy became available.
- C. People became more nomadic.
- D. Populations declined.

8. During which period did the domestication of animals and growing of crops first occur?

- A. Iron Age
- B. Old Stone Age
- C. Neolithic Revolution
- D. Scientific Revolution

9. Base your answer to the following question on the diagram below and on your knowledge of social studies.



What is the best title for this diagram?

- A. Elements of Belief Systems
- B. Characteristics of Classical Civilizations
- C. Benefits of the Counter Reformation
- D. Changes during the Neolithic Revolution

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10. Which heading best completes the partial outline below?

- I. _____
- A. Surplus of food
 - B. Rise of cities
 - C. Job specialization
 - D. Development of new technology

- A. Results of the Fall of Rome
- B. Effects of the Neolithic Revolution
- C. Reasons for the Puritan Revolution
- D. Causes of the Bantu Migration

11. Which Neolithic Revolution development led to the other three?

- A. complex civilizations
- B. surplus of food
- C. division of labor
- D. domestication of plants and animals

12. Which statement about the Neolithic Revolution is an opinion rather than a fact?

- A. Early peoples made greater cultural advancements than did people of later civilizations.
- B. The Neolithic Revolution resulted in changes for nomadic peoples.
- C. New technology was developed during the Neolithic Revolution.
- D. Agricultural developments resulted in the establishment of permanent settlements.

13. Which heading best completes the partial outline below?

- I. _____
- A. Development of a stable food supply
 - B. Establishment of permanent settlements
 - C. Development of writing systems and religions

- A. Effects of the Migration of People
- B. Results of the Neolithic Revolution
- C. Achievements During Feudalism
- D. Causes of the Green Revolution in Agriculture

