Prehistoric Societies Introductory Notes

Old Stone Age (simple) Paleolithic

- Small bands of people
- Everyone does all of the jobs
- Hunters and gatherers (nomads)
- No government
- No writing
- No record keeping
- Simple technology; most work done by hand
- Used stone
- Moved from place to place

New stone age (advanced) Neolithic

- Larger groups; cities
- Specialized workers
- Agricultural society
- Organized government
- Writing
- Record-keeping
- Advanced technology
- Used metals
- Had permanent settlements