

Section 1: Geography and History
The Beginnings of Human Society

Guided Reading and Review

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 1, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. What did scientists learn from the Iceman's copper ax?

2. What other clues did scientists use to learn about the Iceman's life?

3. In what parts of the world did people first develop a system of writing?

4. Even though oral traditions might contain stories that are not historically accurate, what can they tell us about the past?

5. Why does the study of the geography of Egypt help us to better understand Egyptian civilization?

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.

6. The recorded events of people are known as _____.

7. The period of time in the past before writing was invented is known as _____.

8. Scientists who examine objects to learn about past people and cultures are known as _____.

9. The written records studied by historians often began as _____, or stories passed down by word of mouth.

10. The study of Earth's surface and the processes that shape it are known as _____.