

Ch. 1 The Beginnings of Human Society-Study Guide

Matching

Key Terms

Fill in the blank by writing the letter of the correct term below.

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| a. archaeologist | f. oral tradition |
| b. civilization | g. prehistory |
| c. hominids | h. social class |
| d. history | i. surplus |
| e. irrigation | |

- ___ 1. To find out about the past, you can study ____, which is the recorded events of people.
- ___ 2. The period of time in the past before writing was invented is called ____.
- ___ 3. People who pass stories by word of mouth from generation to generation have a(n) ____.
- ___ 4. People in the ancient world sometimes used a(n) ____ system to water their crops during the dry summer months.

Key Terms

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. archaeologist | f. nomad |
| b. artisan | g. oral tradition |
| c. domesticate | h. prehistory |
| d. history | i. surplus |
| e. irrigation | |

- ___ 5. to tame animals and breed them for human use
- ___ 6. a worker who is especially skilled at crafting items by hand
- ___ 7. a person who has no settled home

Short Answer

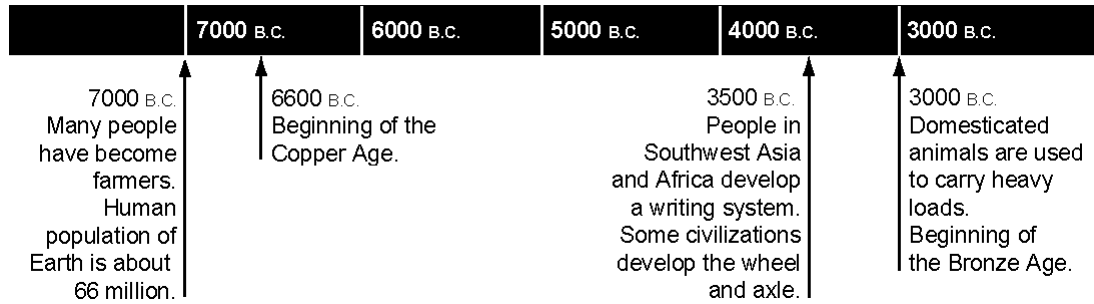
Key Concepts

8. During the period of prehistory, people developed the ability to do what?
9. What was the result of having surplus food during the New Stone Age?
10. Surplus food during the New Stone Age allowed more people to become what?

11. During the New Stone Age, what did farming settlements need in order to develop into cities?
12. What are the characteristics of a civilization of the ancient world?
13. In the ancient world, who would have been most likely to help spread new ideas and tools from one civilization to another?
14. In the words prehistoric and prehistory, the word part *pre* means what?
15. Why did the ancient Egyptian civilization begin on the banks of the Nile River?
16. During the Old Stone Age, how did people get their food?
17. How did farming change the way early people lived?
18. The people in the Old Stone Age got their food by hunting animals and?
19. What did people begin to do for the first time in the New Stone Age?

Skill: Using a Timeline

Use the timeline to answer the following questions.



20. What was Earth's human population around the year 7000 B.C.?
21. What are two events that happened around 3500 B.C.?
22. When did the Copper Age begin?
23. Which of these metals did people develop first: copper or bronze

