

Agricultural Revolution

Webquest

This webquest will help with your exploration of early man, hunter-gatherer societies, and the agricultural revolution. You will go to different websites to see what the earliest hominids (early humans) looked like, what the tools they used and learn how hunter-gatherer societies functioned and how human beings went from hunter-gathers to farmers. Complete your answers to these questions in your Global Investigators Notebooks.

A) Hominids (Early Humans)

<http://news.discovery.com/human/early-human-ancestors-faces.html>

1. What is the **name** of the oldest **hominid** form ever found and how old is it?
2. What did the earliest **hominids** eat?
3. What makes **Homo rudolfensis** different from other hominids of their time? (describe Homo rudolfensis)
4. Name the group of mankind that has lived within the last 30,000 years?

B) Stone Age Tools

<http://www.aerobiologicalengineering.com/wxk116/StoneAge/Handaxes/>

5. **What** was the "**Swiss Army Knife**" of the Stone Age?
6. What **replaced** handaxes?
7. **Why** did people not live long during the Stone Age?

C) Hunting and Gathering Societies

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/features/storyofafrica/2chapter3.shtml>

8. What **type** of animals did the earliest humans seek to kill? **How** did they kill them?
9. **What** did early humans put on the tips of **spears** to help kill animals?

More about hunting and gathering:

<http://www.britannica.com/topic/hunting-and-gathering-culture>

10. **True or false:** Hunting and gathering societies are also called foraging culture.
11. **Click** on the word "**domestication**" in your reading. What does that word **mean**?
12. What **causes** hunter-gatherers move to a different area?
13. How **large** would a band of hunters and gathers be?
14. What would the **job** of men, women and children be in hunting and gathering societies?
15. **Are there** many hunting and gathering societies today?

D) Birth of Farming (Agricultural Revolution)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/features/storyofafrica/2chapter3.shtml>

16. What were some of the **first crops** and animals **cultivated** (used for farming)?
17. **Name** at least **three** things that changed in society due to farming.

More about agriculture:

<http://www.kidspast.com/world-history/0022-agricultural-revolution.php>

18. How **long ago** was it believed that humans began using farming?
19. **Look up the word domesticated in an online dictionary.** What does domesticate **mean**?
20. **List** some of the foods that were grown by these early people.
21. **Click the next button** on the bottom of the page. How did farming **change** world population?
22. How did farming lead to the **development** of villages?