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)


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 gatherers 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)

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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:

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?