

Part A: Document: Characteristics of Early Civilizations

Instructions: Answer the following questions as you read the document titled “Document: Characteristics of Early Civilizations”.

1. Why do you think some societies adopted agriculture while others did not? Why do you think some agricultural societies did not develop into advanced civilizations?

2. Do you think agricultural systems created cities and states in every case, or is there evidence that states often created the conditions for agricultural systems?

3. What kinds of political orders do you think were most common in early complex societies and why?

4. What effects do you think cities had on the environment?

5. What do we mean when we talk about civilizations? Define what constitutes a civilization in your own words.

****Part B begins on the next page*****

Part B: Analysis Chart: Neolithic Cities

Instructions: Read the document on the website titled “Neolithic Cities – Jericho” and complete the graphic organizer below.

	Jericho
Time Span of Existence	
World Zone (What region is it located?)	
Main food sources	
Main domesticated animals	
Agricultural, geographical, and environmental challenges	
Legacy and Accomplishments	

Part C: Interpretation Activity: Neolithic Revolution

Instructions: Read the two interpretations of the Neolithic Revolution on p.1-3 of the document titled “Neolithic Revolution Interpretations” and answer the questions below:

1. What is the main argument that William Howells makes with regards to the Neolithic Revolution?

2. List 3 pieces of specific evidence that he uses to support his argument.

3. What is the main argument that Jared Diamond makes with regards to the Neolithic Revolution?

4. List 3 pieces of specific evidence that he uses to support his argument.

Part D: Research Chart: River Valley Civilizations

Instructions: Use Internet resources to complete the following chart. You may write this on a separate sheet of paper if you wish.

	Ancient Mesopotamia	Ancient Egypt	Ancient India	Ancient China
Geographic Features				
Cities				
Notable Leaders				
Laws				
Government Characteristics				

Social Hierarchy				
Religion				
Writing System				
Literature				
Examples of Buildings and Architecture				

Part E: Document Analysis: Code of Hammurabi

Instructions: Answer the questions below as you read the document on the website titled “Document: Code of Hammurabi”.

Document A: Excerpts on Economy

1. Summarize laws 42-43 in your own words.
2. Summarize laws 53-54 in your own words.
3. According to this excerpt, do you think most people in Babylonia made money in cities or in the country?
4. How do you know the answer to the above question from reading the Code of Hammurabi?

Document B: Excerpts on Society

1. According to law 196, what is the punishment for putting the eye of “another man”?
2. How might law 196 be seen as an attempt to promote “equality”?
3. Law 199 describes a different punishment for putting out the eye of an enslaved person. What might this suggest about equality in Babylon?
4. List two other examples that provide evidence of inequality in the Code of Hammurabi. (Be sure to put the law #)
5. What do laws 117,138, and 141 suggest about the status of women in Babylonian society?