



# Unit I:

## **Age of The Firsts**

(Beginnings – 500 B.C.)

# Big Concepts

**I** *Human Adaptation to The Environment*  
Humans developed/changed hunting & gathering skills in response geographical & climate changes

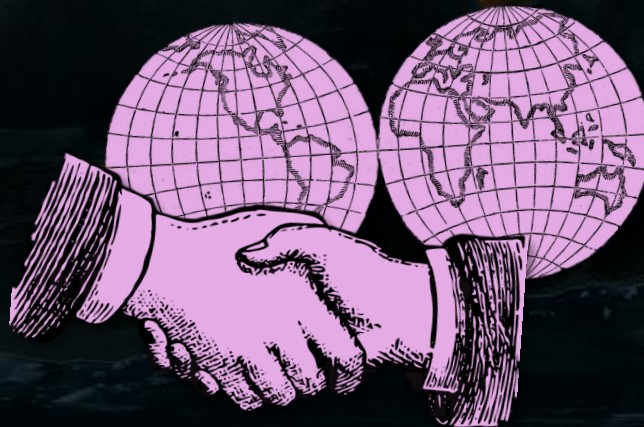
**II** *Rise of Agriculture & Technology*  
Humans developed new modes of food production that forever changed their experiences

**III** *Rise of Distinctive Human Societies*  
Human societies developed distinct cultures & had diverse patterns of interaction (i.e. war, trade)





# UNIT OVERVIEW USING WORLD STUDIES THEMES





# Time

*When we live*  
shapes how we live





# Oldest Writing

c. 8,000 years  
Middle East



# Oldest Human Bones

c. 190,000 yrs  
East Africa



# Oldest Settlements

c. 10,000-4,000 years  
Middle East



# Oldest Iron Artifacts

c. 5,000 years  
Turkey/Egypt





# Geography

*Where we live*  
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**Migration &  
Adaptation**  
**Following Herds**  
**Small Clans**



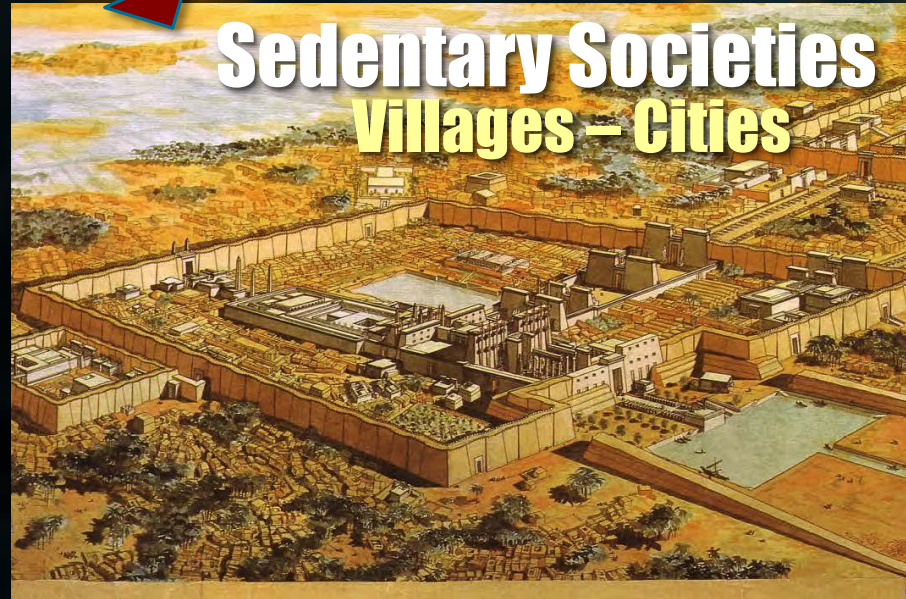
**Ice-Age &  
“Great Thaw”**  
**c. 10,000 B.C.**  
**Land Change**  
**Animal Loss**



**Agriculture  
& Technologies**  
**Domestication – Fire – Irrigation**



**Sedentary Societies**  
**Villages – Cities**







# Environment Changes

**Canals – Mines – Irrigation – Cities**

**Deforestation**

**Famine**



## Further Migrations

**i.e. Indo-Europeans & Bantu**

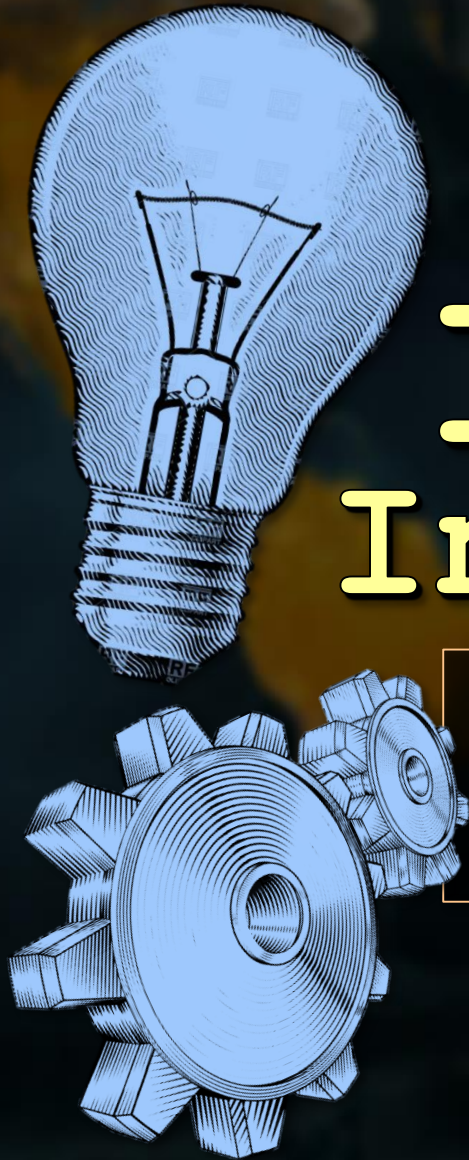


## Human Interactions



**Cities vs Nomads**  
**Trade & Commerce**  
**Warfare & Empire**  
**Cultural Diffusion**  
**Ethnic/Racial Mixing**





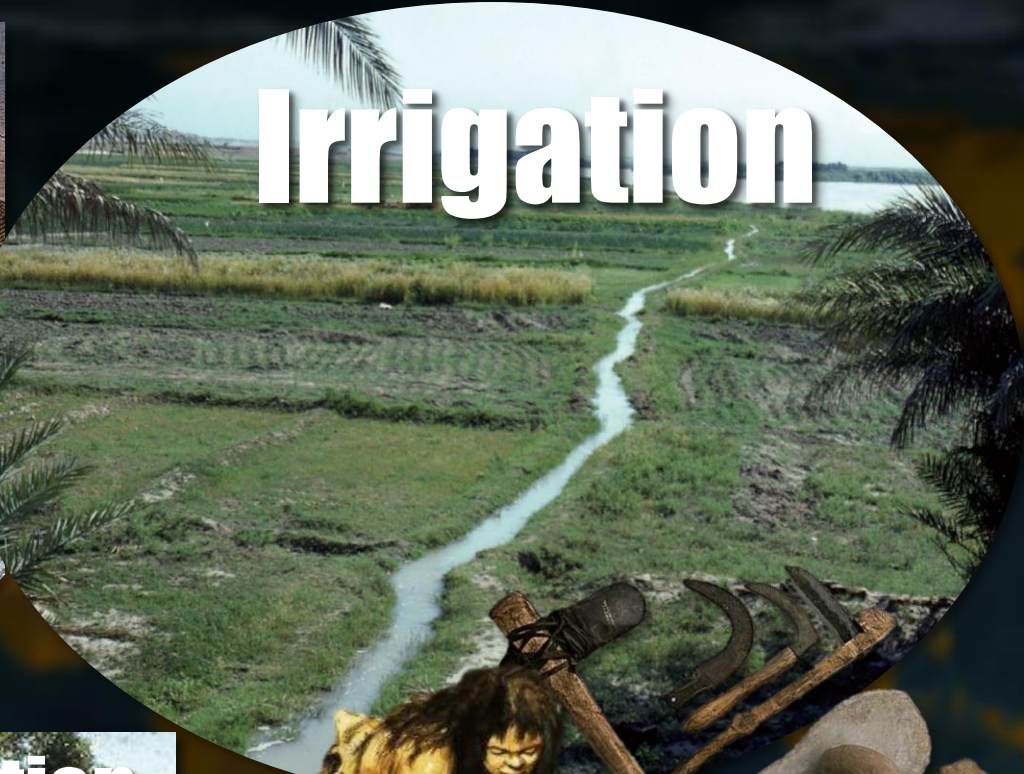
# Ideas & Innovations

*What we think & create  
shapes how we live*

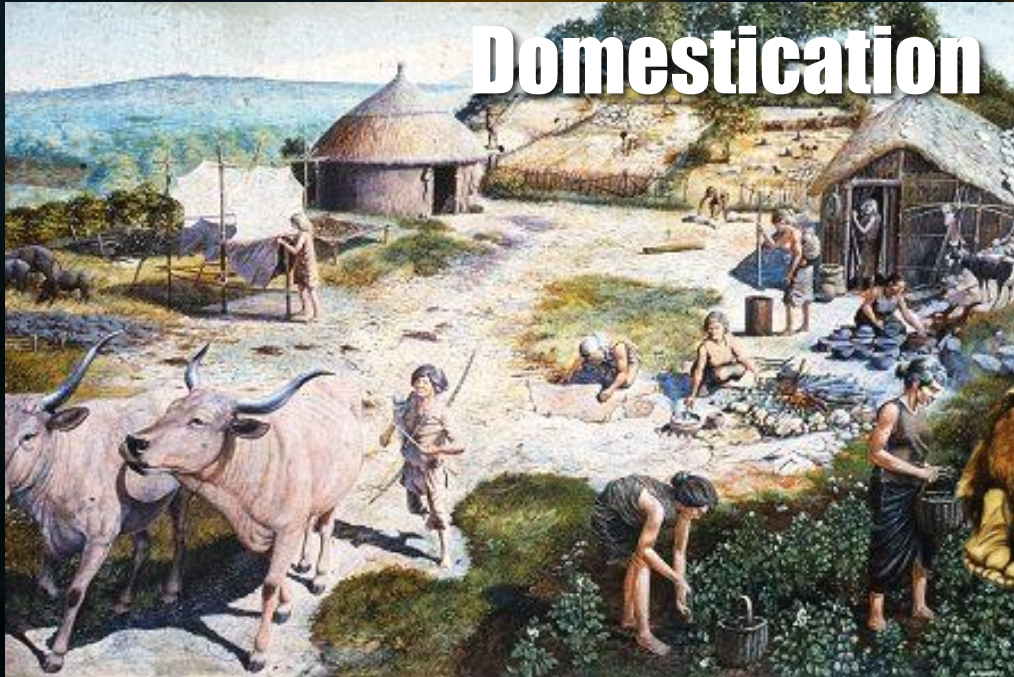




**Metallurgy**



**Irrigation**



**Domestication**

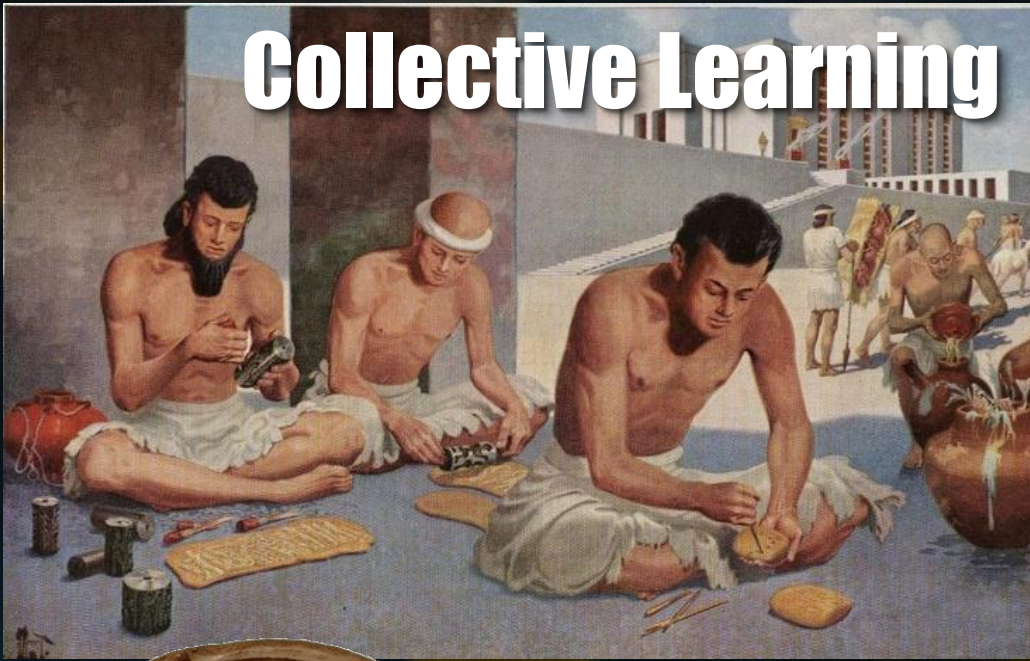


**Tools  
& Tech**

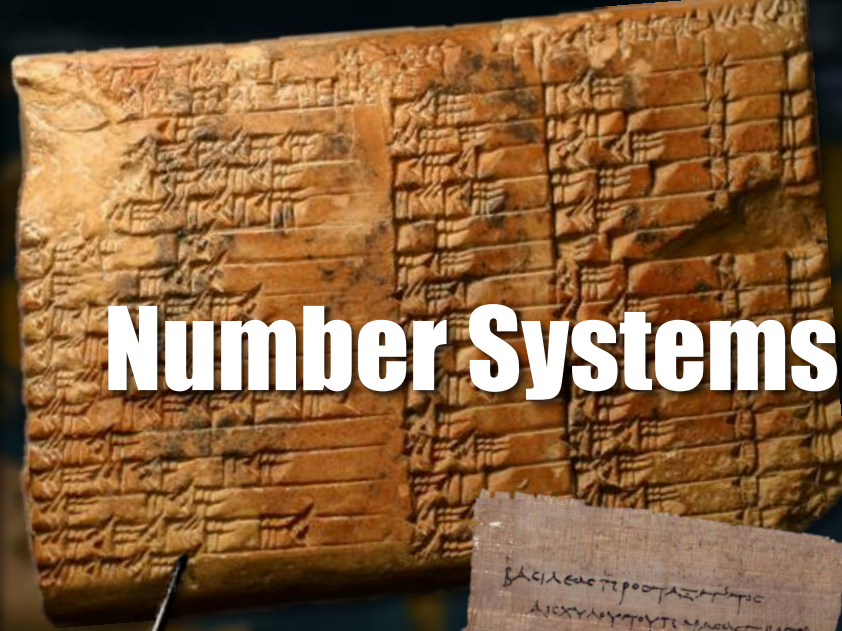
**Fire — Wheels- Hatchets**



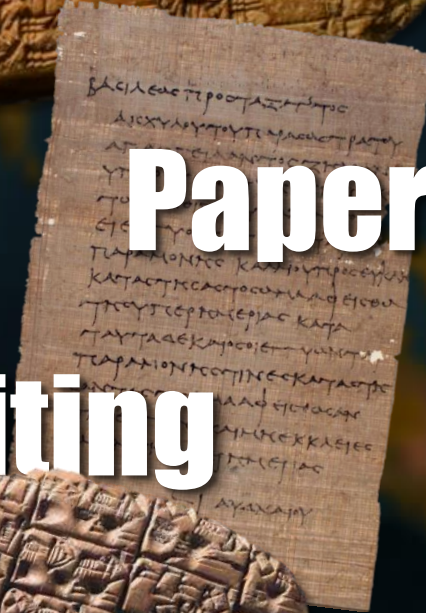
**Collective Learning**



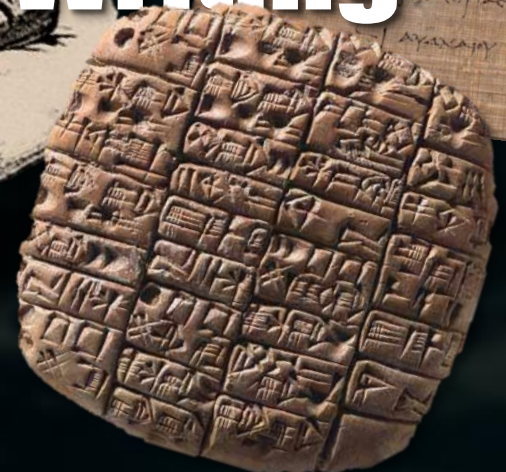
**Number Systems**



**Paper**



**Writing**



**Calendars**



**Astronomy**





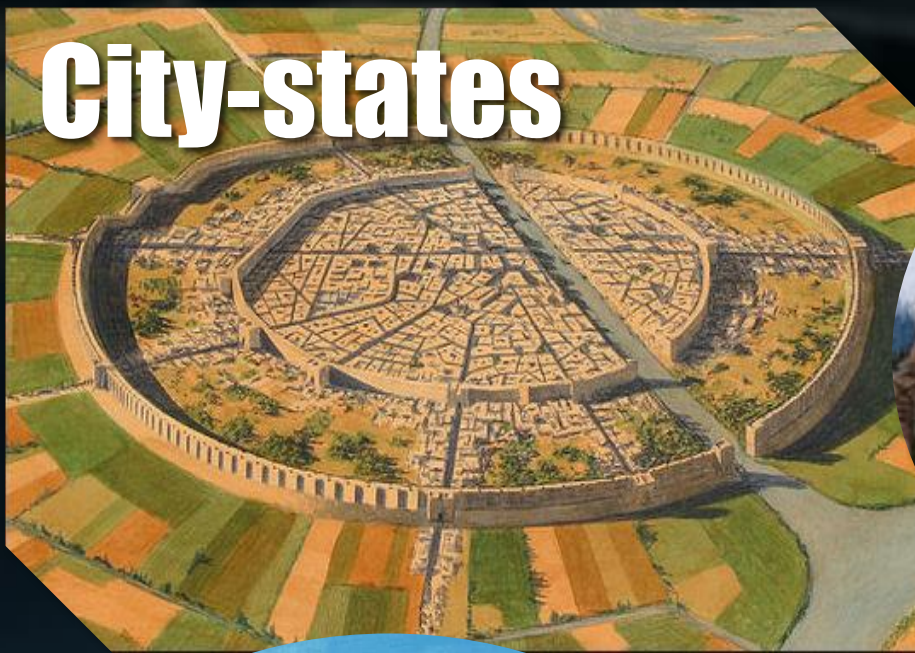
# Governments & States

*How we organize  
shapes how we live*





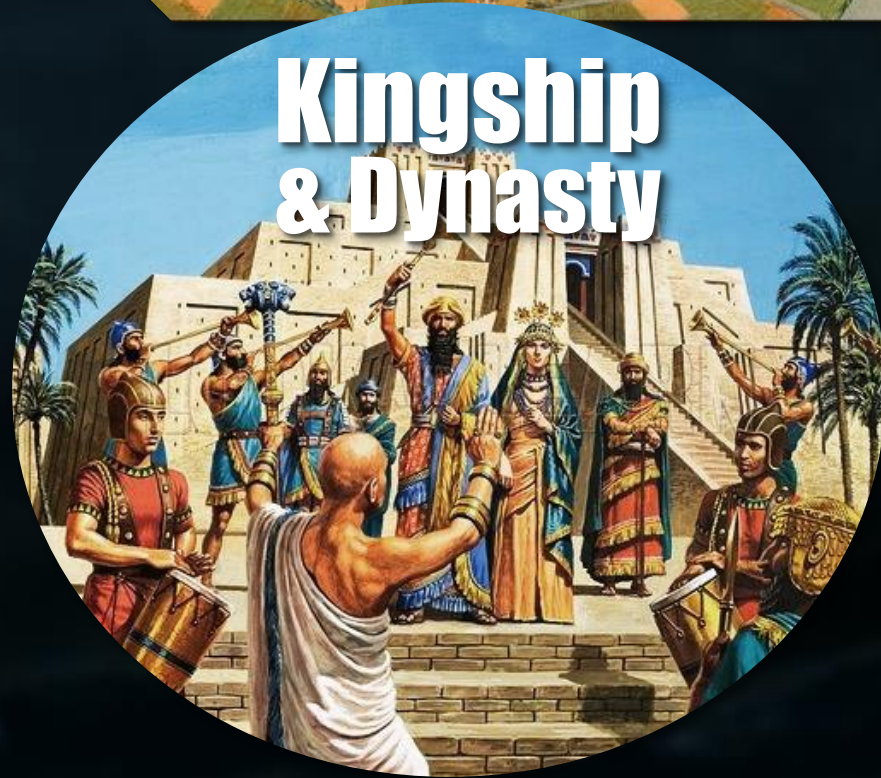
# City-states



# Nomadic Clans



# Kingship & Dynasty



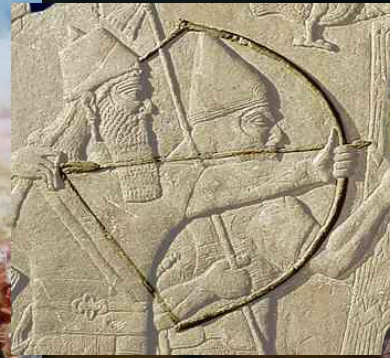
# Political & Legal Systems

**Hammurabi's Code**  
**Mosaic Law**  
**Mandate of Heaven**  
**Religion & Power**





# Warfare & Technology



# Empire building



# WORLD

## Early Civilizations

**Olmec**  
c. 1200 B.C.

**Chavin**  
c. 900 B.C.

**Greece**  
c. 1500 B.C.

**Hittites**  
c. 3500 B.C.

**Egypt**  
c. 3100 B.C.

**Kush**  
c. 1000 B.C.

**Sumer**  
c. 8000 B.C.

**Indus Valley**  
c. 2600 B.C.

**Huang He**  
c. 2000 B.C.





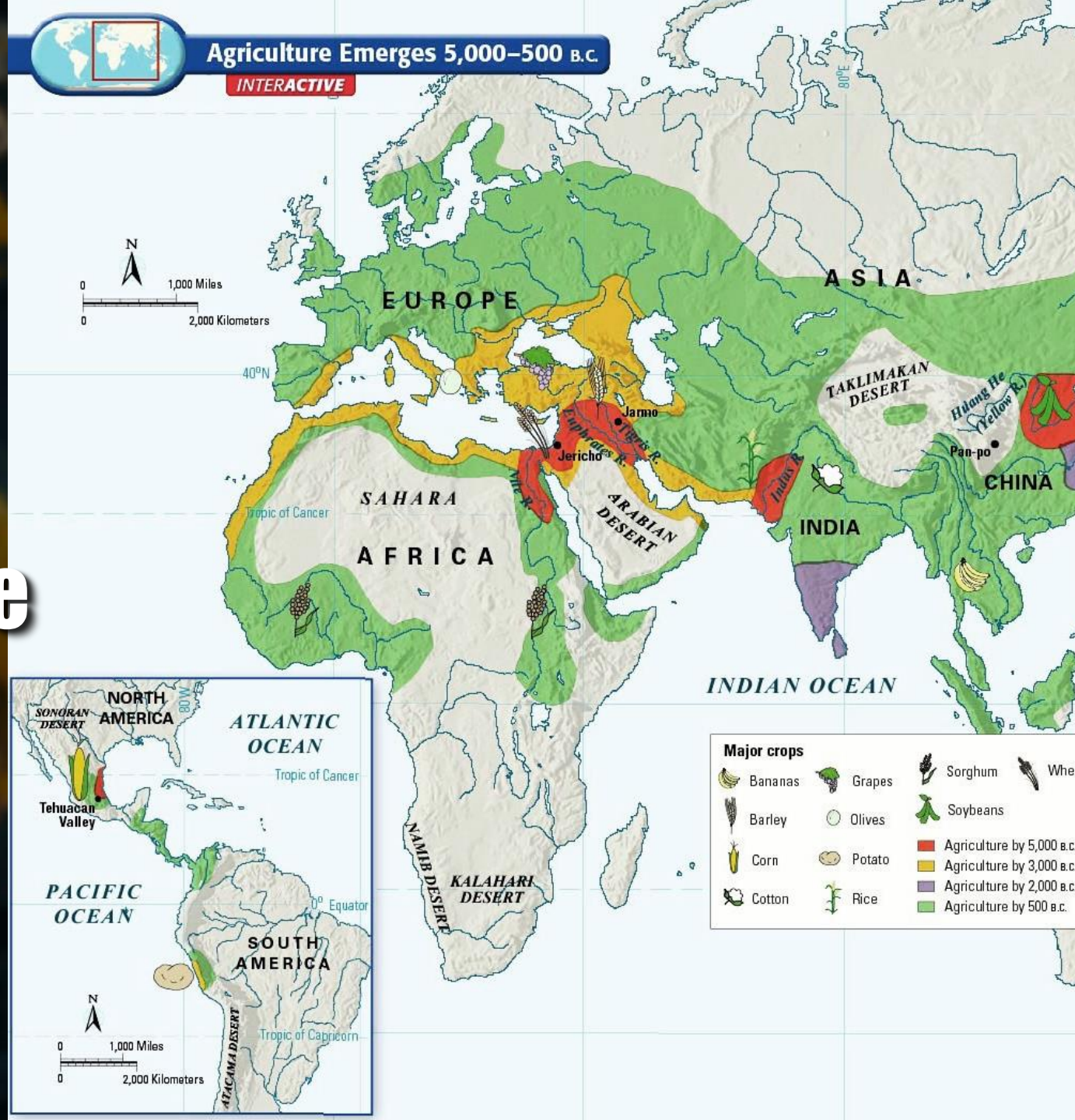


# Economics

*How we produce & consume*  
shapes how we live



# Spread of Agriculture

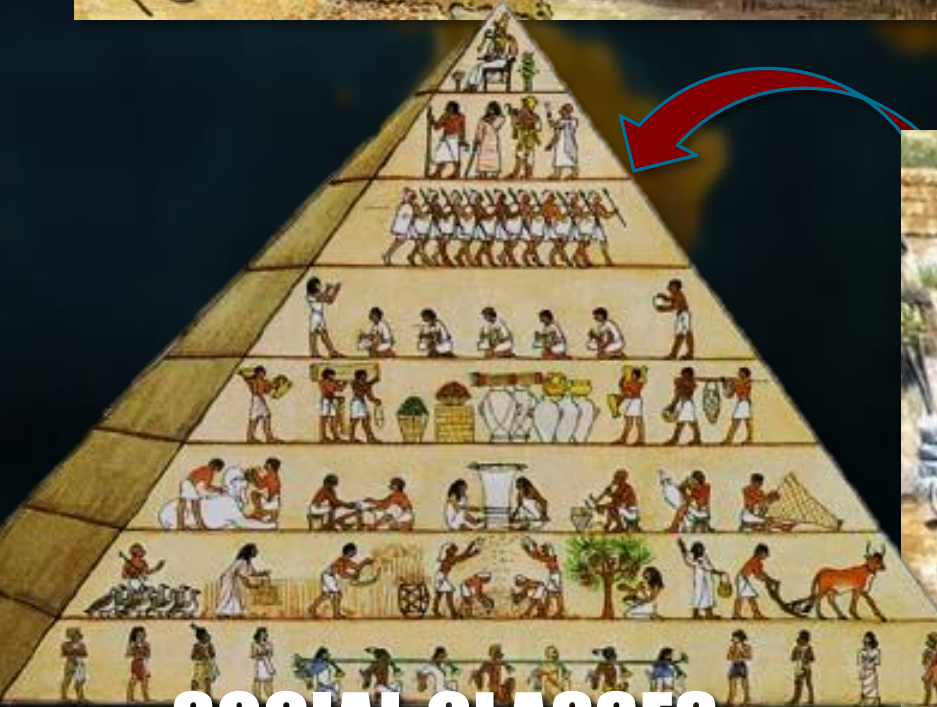
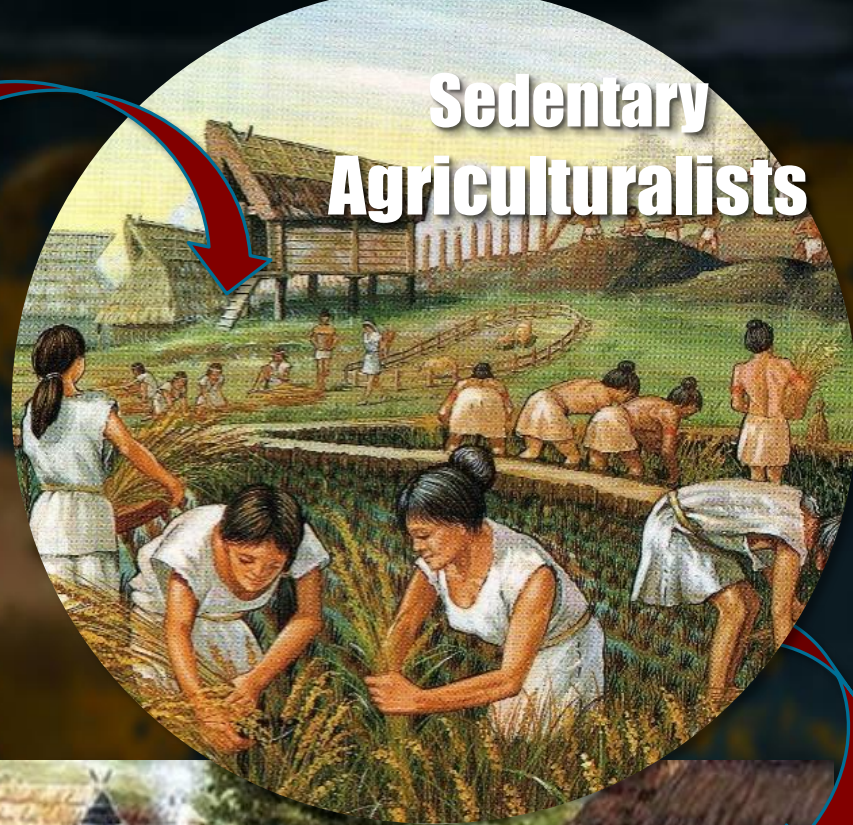




**Nomadic Hunter-gatherers**



**Sedentary Agriculturalists**



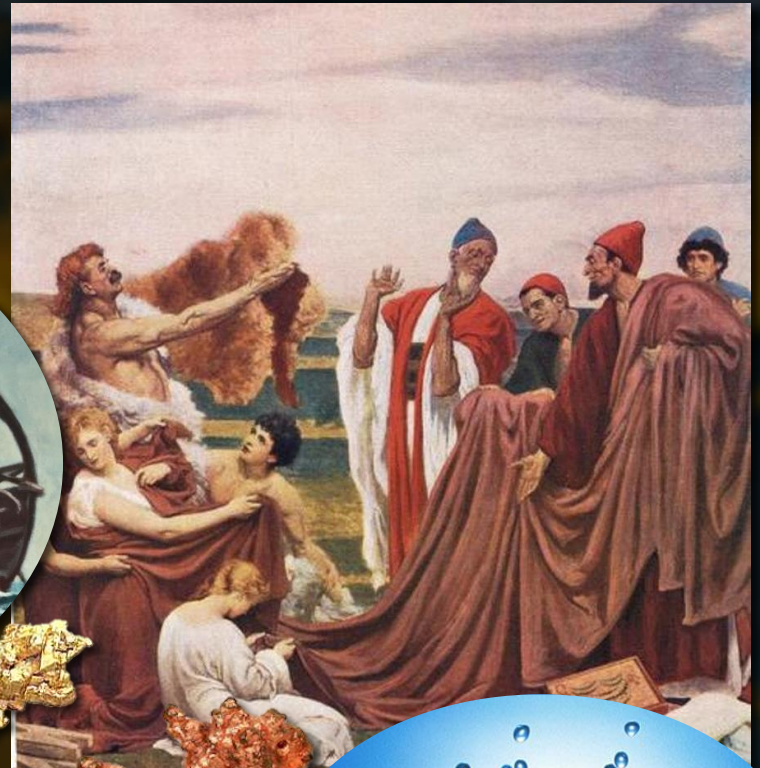
**SOCIAL CLASSES**



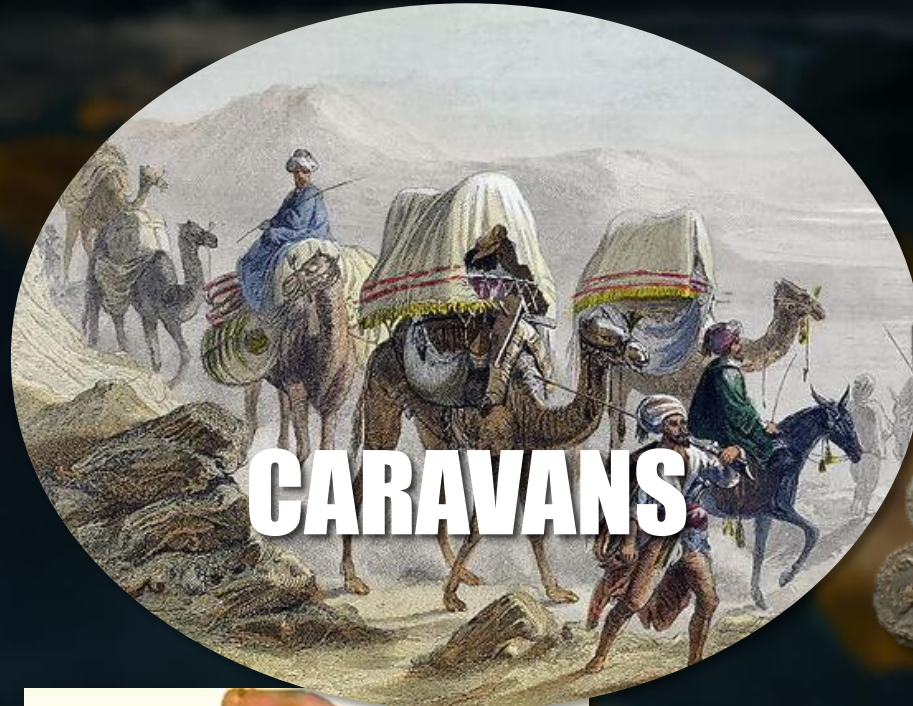
**Job specialization**



# Limited Resources WARFARE TRADE Phoenicians Cultural Diffusion



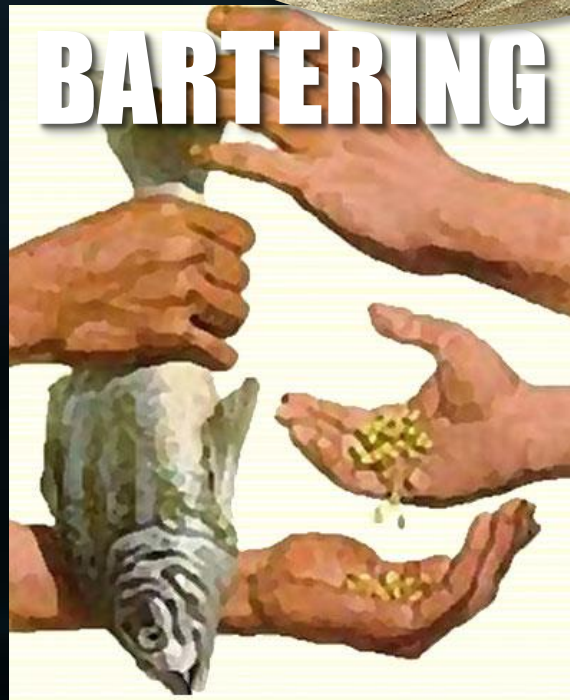




# CARAVANS



# MONEY SYSTEMS



# BARTERING



# COLONIZATION



# Society & Culture

*How we relate*  
shapes how we live







# **SOCIAL CLASSES**

**i.e. India: Caste System**



## **Gender Roles**

**Family  
Work  
Politics  
Education**



## **Patriarchy & Matriarchy**



## **Cultural Diffusion**



## **Distinct Cultures**



# Trade

Links between  
settled regions



Sedentary Peoples  
*City-dwellers*

# Warfare

- Expansion of settled regions
- Invasion of nomads



Nomadic Peoples  
*Country-dwellers*



# Monumental Building



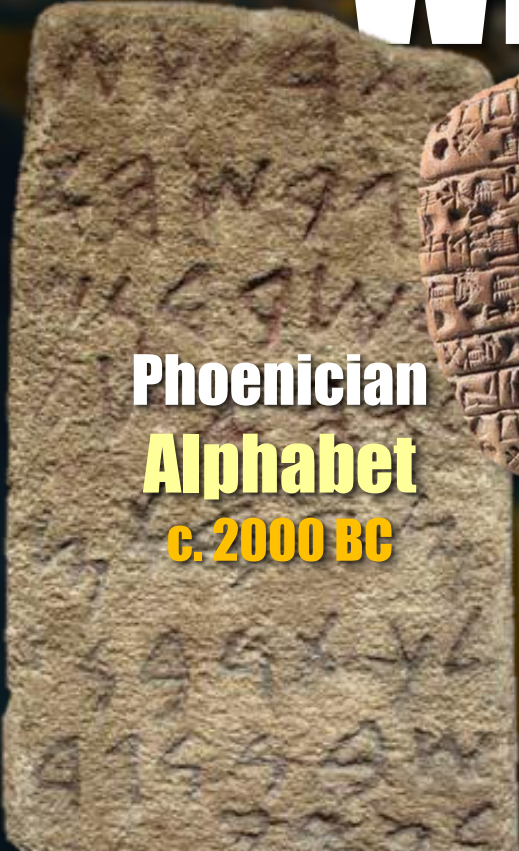
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# Writing, Alphabets & Literature



**Phoenician  
Alphabet**  
c. 2000 BC



**SUMERIAN  
Cuneiform**  
c. 3200 BC



**ARYAN - Rig Veda**  
c. 1500s-1200s BC



**JEWISH - Torah**  
c. 1300s-1200s BC



**GREEK  
Odyssey & Iliad**  
c. 800s-700s BC



**EGYPTIAN  
Book of the Dead**  
c. 1550s BC



**SUMERIAN  
Epic of Gilgamesh**  
c. 2100s BC



# RELIGION

**Shamanism**

**Polytheism**

**HINDUISM**

**Animism**

**MONOTHEISM**  
**JUDAISM**





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