



Key Terms

History - The written or other recorded events of people

Prehistory - Is the time before history
The “unrecorded” events of people

Archaeologist - Scientist who examines object
to learn about past people and cultures

Oral Traditions - Stories passed down by word of mouth (Family stories / Legends of Heroes)

Stone Age - Period during which hominids and modern humans made tools mainly from stone. (Also used tools made from wood & animal bone.)

Fire - Between 1,400,000 and 500,000 years ago early hominids learned how to use fire (Ward off dangerous animals / adapt to colder climates / moved / altered tools & cooked food)

Nomads - People who have no settled home. Move place to place gathering and hunting

Domesticate - Adapting wild plants and raising animals for human use.
No longer followed food source. Food source was controlled/raised by people.

irrigation - Supplying land with water from another place using a network of canals.

surplus - More food than what is needed.

Surplus food could be stored for use at another time.

Population grows

Specialization - not everyone needs to grow food.

artisans - Worker who is especially skilled in
crafting items by hand
Baskets, leather goods, tools,
pottery, cloth, etc.

Villages to Early Cities - public buildings, larger
in size and population, government
forms, many occupations

governments - formed to keep the order in society and provide services

Helped settle disputes and manage public building and irrigation projects for city

Civilization - society that has cities, government run by official leaders & workers who specialize in various jobs

Bronze Age - 6600 B.C. - Artisans learn how to melt a certain rock at high temperatures to separate the metal copper from the rock

Mix copper with tin to make Bronze
Stronger metal, durable, long-lasting
Weapons, tools, helmets, shields

Trade - Pottery, tools, weapons, baskets, cloth,
and spices

Food and goods

Ideas and culture

Wheel & Axle - Increased trade / made it easier

Social Classes - Group of people having similar backgrounds, incomes and ways of living

King

Priests & Nobles (government off. & military)

Artisans / Small traders / Merchants

Common workers and farmers

Slaves