

**Grade 6**  
**Chapter 2.3 & Chapter 3.1-4 Study Guide**

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*Chapter 2, Section 3, "Beginnings of Agriculture," discusses when humans began domesticating crops and animals and thus beginning settled society or civilization. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.*

Q1: How did farming change society?

Terms that should be used to answer:

Neolithic Era  
Warming trend  
Domestication  
Agriculture  
Uses of domesticated animals

*Chapter 3, Section 1, "Geography of the Fertile Crescent," discusses where humans developed the first civilizations. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.*

Q2: Where did human civilization first develop? What conditions were needed for civilization to develop? What conditions made it possible for some people to stop farming and begin doing other jobs like building?

Fertile Crescent  
Rivers: Nile, Euphrates, Tigris  
Flooding  
Silt  
Canals Irrigation  
Surplus  
Division of labor

*Chapter 3, Section 2, "The Rise of Sumer," describes the first Western civilization of Sumer. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.*

Q3: What was life like in Sumer—what did people do and how did they live their daily lives? Explain how Sumer became an empire.

Farmers  
Rural  
Urban  
Polytheism  
Social hierarchy  
City-state  
Sargon  
Empire

*Chapter 3, Section 3, "Sumerian Achievements," outlines the major contributions made by the ancient Sumerians. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.*

Q4: What contributions did the Sumerians make to writing, invention, and art?

Cuneiform  
Stylus  
Clay  
Pictographs  
Scribe  
Epics, *Epic of Gilgamesh*  
Wheel

Plow  
Sewers  
Math, 60  
Ziggurat  
Pottery  
Jewelry  
Cylinder seals

*Chapter 3, Section 4, "Later Peoples of the Fertile Crescent," explains contributions of various peoples inhabiting the Fertile Crescent after the Sumerians. You should be able to answer the following questions using the specific terms, ideas, events, and people listed below the question.*

Q5: How did the Babylonians rule Mesopotamia?

Monarch  
Hamurabi  
Hamurabi's Code

Q6: Both the Hittites and Assyrians were known for their military success. Explain how each civilization achieved their military success.

Hittites  
Chariot  
Iron  
Assyrians  
Terror  
Taxes  
Local leaders

Q7: What were the contributions of the Phoenicians?

Phoenicia  
Cedar trees  
Sailors  
Tyre  
Carthage  
Items of trade  
Alphabet