

THE ORIGIN OF AGRICULTURE

Name: _____

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1. True or false

- a. The Neolithic Revolution is another name for the Agricultural Revolution.
- b. It started about 20,000 BCE and was the beginning of farming communities.
- c. The plow is not an important tool in the history of farming.
- d. Plows help to break up and turn over the soil for better planting.
- e. Ancient farmers did not use methods like canals, ditches, and wells to water crops.

2. Choose the correct word

- a. People grow plants and keep animals to give food, fiber, and _____ to help human life. Medicine

energy	medicine	protection	water
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- b. Early plows were simple tools pulled by _____ or animals like oxen or horses.

carts	wheels	humans	wagons
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- c. Irrigation systems were important for giving water to crops, especially in areas with _____ or not enough rainfall.

regular	too much	irregular	little
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- d. Farmers used hand tools for tasks like planting, weeding, and harvesting, including _____, sickles, and digging sticks.

forks	sticks	hoes	swords
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- e. Terraced fields stopped soil from washing away and helped use water more _____ by slowing it down.

quickly	slowly	well	badly
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3. Match the concepts with their meanings

Ancient Civilizations		They cultivated crops such as quinoa, potatoes, and maize
The domestication of plants and animals		They were known for cultivating wheat, barley, rice, and legumes.
Indus Valley Civilization		Maize, beans, and squash formed the basis of their diet.
Andean Region		They cultivated crops like wheat and barley and also domesticated animals like goats and sheep.

4. Multiple choice

a. Where did the domestication of plants and animals begin around 10,000 BCE?

- In Europe
- In parts of modern-day Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel
- In Africa
- In Asia

b. Where did agriculture begin around 7000 BCE?

- In present-day Egypt
- In present-day Pakistan and northwest India
- In present-day China
- In present-day Greece

c. Where did ancient civilizations like the Olmec, Maya, and Aztec engage in agriculture around 2000 BCE?

- a) In present-day Mexico and Central America
- b) In present-day India
- c) In present-day Egypt
- d) In present-day China

d. Where did early agricultural societies like the Norte Chico civilization emerge around 3500 BCE?

- a) In the Andean highlands of South America
- b) In the Nile Valley
- c) In the Mesopotamian region
- d) In the Indus Valley