

THE ORIGIN OF AGRICULTURE

Name: _____

Date: _____

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

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

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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

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| 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