

Chapters 2- 6: Early Societies Reading Questions

Don't forget to write down the major civilization you are researching.

Interaction between Humans the Environment

Most civilizations began as response to an environmental problem. Why did your civilization begin?

Development and Interaction of Cultures

What indigenous peoples lived in the area?

With what other peoples did the natives interact?

What other civilizations or societies are in the chapter? How did they interact with the largest society? What is notable about the small civilization(s)?

State-Building, Expansion, and Conflict

How did the ruler maintain stability (esp. get people to do what he wanted and prevent uprisings)?

List the notable rulers and/or events.

What notable artistic or architectural developments marked the peoples of your area?

With what groups did your civilization fight? Why did they fight? Who won? Why?

Creation, Expansion, and Interaction of Economic Systems

What did your civilization produce?

With whom did they trade? For what did they trade?

What innovations did the people of your civilization develop? How did it change the civilization?

Development and Transformation of Social Structures

Why did writing develop? What kind of writing was it (pictographic, ideographic, or phonetic)?

Who could write?

Describe their religion and cosmology.

What does the book say about family and gender roles in your societies?

Describe the social classes your society had. What function did these classes play within the society?