

LANDMARKS IN HUMANITIES

Chapter 1: ORIGINS: The First Civilizations

How does the textbook define “prehistory”?

What was “the landmark event of the first civilizations”? From what was it derived?

Know the meaning of the terms *Paleolithic*, *Mesolithic*, and *Neolithic*. What are the defining characteristics and important advancements/landmarks of each era?

What is the significance of the *Epic of Gilgamesh*? Know the basic details of its history (culture of origin, moral, cultural significance).

Who was Hammurabi? What is his major contribution? Why is it significant?

Who are the Phoenicians and why are they important?

Who was Zoroaster? With what culture is he associated? With what religious philosophy? What impact did he have on modern religion?

What is the *Book of the Dead*? What culture created it and what was its purpose?

With what Egyptian pharaoh is monotheism associated?

Where is Caral? What is its significance? How did it differ from other first civilizations?

Who were the Olmecs?

What is the Mandate of Heaven? Yin and Yang?

Vocabulary:

Animism	Heiroglyphs	Pictographs
Caste System	Lyric	Qi
Culture	Naturalism	Realism
Cuneiform	Nirvana	Theocracy
Epic	Pantheism	Ziggurat