

The Earliest Humans were basically \_\_\_\_\_. Let's face it; we get hungry & thirsty every day!  
Early civilizations possess 6 characteristics (listed in textbook) which make us uniquely human (Neolithic period)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Paleolithic Period** c. 100,000–

--Has 2 major breakthroughs in history. Human desire for self-expression results in the invention of the visual arts.

- 1) Oldest known statue of a human figure (female) found in Austria. Named \_\_\_\_\_ Age? Purpose?
- 2) Oldest expression in painting found in South France – in the Hall of Bulls at the Caves of Lascaux. Age? Purpose?

**Neolithic Period** c. 8000 BC – 3500 BC

\_\_\_\_\_ invented c. 5,000 BC, followed afterward by metal replacing \_\_\_\_\_ as principal material for weapons & tools.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Metal used 5,000-3,000 BC: \_\_\_\_\_ called the \_\_\_\_\_
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Metal used 3,000-1,000 BC by mixing the alloys of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ to give us the: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Metal used 1,000 BC until \_\_\_\_\_; called the \_\_\_\_\_

**Mesopotamia:**

*Fertile Crescent.*

--Divided into 2 major periods. 1<sup>st</sup> 3500-2350 BC \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 2350-512 BC \_\_\_\_\_ --derives from 1 of Noah's sons named: \_\_\_\_\_ & refers to people who speak a Semitic language

--Cuneiform:

--*The Epic of Gilgamesh-*

Began as 'oral' tradition from Sumerian civilization; eventually written down by the Babylonians c. 2000 BC

--Ziggurats:

--Babylonian King Hammurabi:

Law Code of Hammurabi:

--Stele:

**Ancient Egypt:**

Importance of the Nile:

--Manetho (280 BC): \_\_\_\_\_ and wrote (in Greek): \_\_\_\_\_  
Dividing the Egypt's early history into 31 Dynasties with several sub-kingdoms.

--Pharaoh:

Be familiar with the Principal Egyptian deities. Why is the AFTERLIFE so important?

--Imhotep (Dynasty III) built the Stepped Pyramid at Saqqara to honor the Pharaoh Zoser – why famous?

--Dynasty IV – 3 Pyramids of Giza:

--What is purpose of a pyramid?

--Great Sphinx -

--S.C.U.R.- describes the art of Egypt for c. 3000 years as: \_\_\_\_\_  
Why?

**Changes occur in Egyptian History**

--Amenhotep IV who rules Egypt (r.1353 to 1336 BC)

---changes his name to \_\_\_\_\_ which means:

---moves his capital city from Thebes to build a new city called \_\_\_\_\_

---marries \_\_\_\_\_ whose bust is the most famous in all of Egypt. What is a bust?

King Tutankhamen's (1343-1325 BC) Tomb is found, left exactly as he was buried over 3,339 years ago.

--In the Valley of the Kings – \_\_\_\_\_ uncovers the greatest archeological find of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

--When? Why famous?

What are hieroglyphics?

What is the **Rosetta Stone** most famous for today?

**Aegean Culture in the Bronze Age:** [Early *proto-Greek* civilizations]

--The Cyclades: Cycladic Idols:

--Island of Crete Home of the legendary King Minos / Minotaur: Labyrinth: Theseus / Ariadne

--in 1894 which non-professional archeologist uncovers the Minoan civilization: \_\_\_\_\_  
He names them after:

--Palace complex (of Minos) at Knossos: --Throne room at Palace of Knossos:

--What happened to the Minoans? What did they give us?

---Minoan Snake Goddess How did they use art?

--1870 who sets out to prove the legends of Homer are based on reality? –

He actively searches and discovers:

---It was uncovered while digging at the Ancient Roman city of \_\_\_\_\_

Later, moves on to the **Peloponnesus** area of Greece -

--1876 he uncovers the ancient **Mycenaeans** at the site of Ancient : why?

--Old city surrounded by heavily fortified walls 15 feet thick and 50 feet high – why? (made of large, cyclopean rocks)

--The front gate and only entrance to Mycenae is the famous *Lions Gate at Mycenae* (weighs over 80 tons)

--who could have built it? (The Greeks wondered about this)

--what is a Cyclops? (The Greeks never say, 'I don't know')

I use the older method of Dating. BC – stands for Before Christ

AD – stands for the Latin: Anno Domini (In the year of our Lord)

Some books use: BCE – Before the Common Era

CE – Common Era (our time now) [it is used to be politically correct]