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The First Civilizations: Common Assessment
The River Valley Civilizations

Directions: Match each vocabulary word to the definition.

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| 1) _____ the study of objects to learn about past human life | A. Prehistory |
| 2) _____ line of rulers from one family | B. Polytheism |
| 3) _____ a city that governs itself and its surrounding territory | C. Agriculture |
| 4) _____ complex society with cities, organized government, art, religion, class divisions, and a writing system | D. Dynasty |
| 5) _____ a time before people developed writing | E. Archaeology |
| 6) _____ documents written after the events by people who played no part in them | F. Specialization |
| 7) _____ the act of training for a particular job | G. City-State |
| 8) _____ the belief in or worship of more than one god | H. Secondary Source |
| 9) _____ firsthand pieces of evidence from people who saw or experienced an event | I. Civilization |
| 10) _____ the practice of farming which includes growing crops and domesticating animals | J. Primary Source |

Directions: Write the correct multiple choice answer on the line.

11. _____ The time interval of 10 years is called a _____.

- A. Century B. Decade C. Era D. Eon

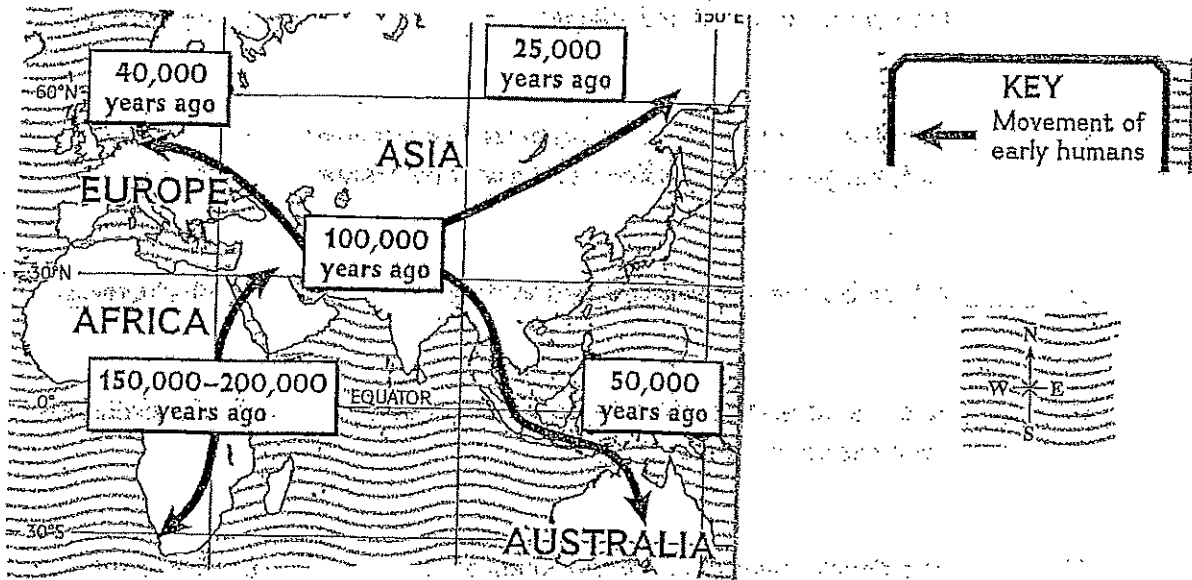
12. _____ The time interval of 100 years is called a _____.

- A. Century B. Decade C. Era D. Eon

13. _____ When you see c. it means _____.

- A. Time period B. about C. Before Christ D. Anno Domini

Directions: Use the map below to answer the following questions.



14. _____ Twenty-five thousand years ago, humans moved in which direction?

- A. South B. West C. northeast D. Southeast

15. _____ Early humans spread to which continent first?

- A. Africa B. Australia C. Asia D. Europe

16. _____ Early humans spread to Europe _____ years ago.

A. 100,000

B. 50,000

C. 40,000

D. 200,000

Directions: Read each statement in the list below. Then fill in the statement in the correct spot on the Venn Diagram.

17- Lived in nomadic groups

18- Lived in villages

19- Hunted and fished

20- Made stone tools and weapons

21- Farmed and raised animals

22- Started to speak a language

23- Discovered fire

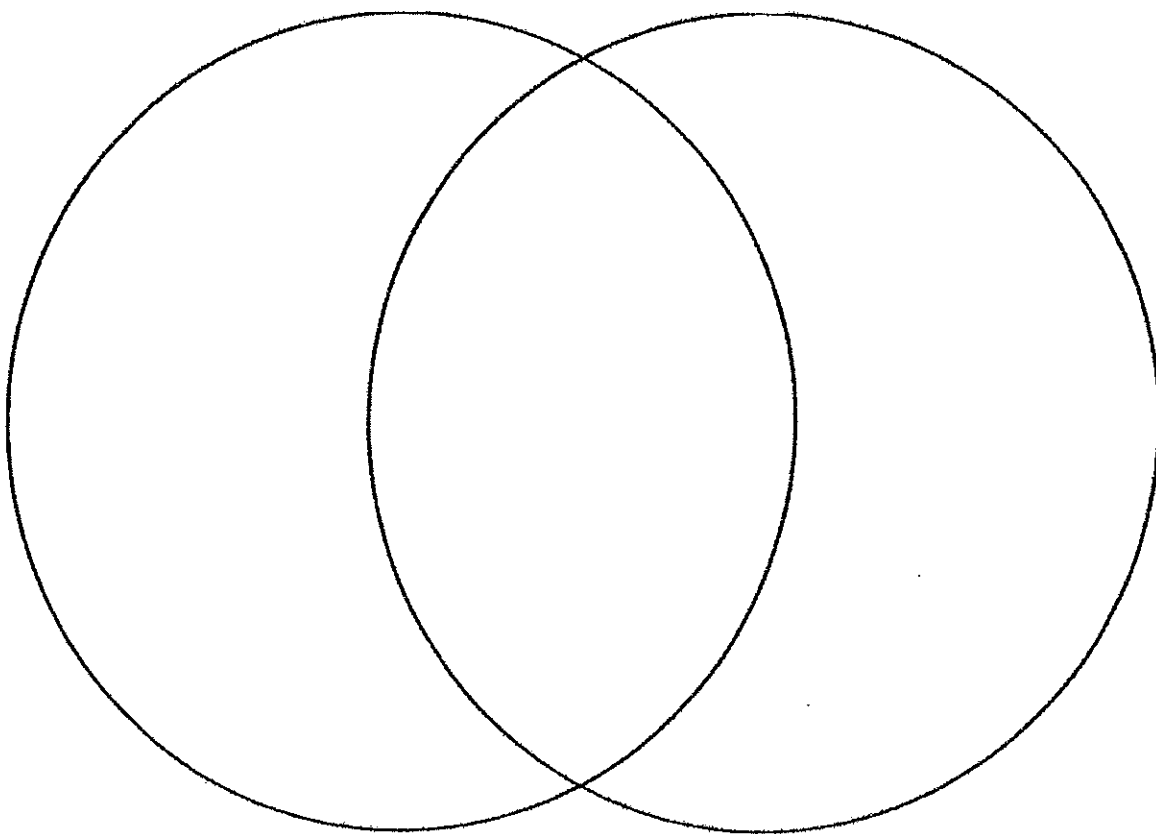
24- Gathered plants

25- Practiced specialization

Paleolithic Age

Both

Neolithic Age



Directions: Answer the following short answer questions using complete sentences.

26) List three effects that farming had on people's lives.

27) Why did the early civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt develop in river valleys? (Provide three reasons)

28) How did Egyptians' religious beliefs compare to those of the Mesopotamians?

29) Identify and explain one achievement from either the Mesopotamian civilization or Egyptian civilization.

30) Why is the pharaoh, Tutankhamen so famous today?

Directions: Read each statement and decide if they are true or false. Write the whole word TRUE or FALSE on the line.

31)_____ Slaves and unskilled workers made up the lower class in both Mesopotamia and Egypt.

32)_____ Sumerians developed hieroglyphics to keep track of business deals and other events.

33)_____ Egypt was ruled by pharaohs.

34)_____ Both Egypt and Mesopotamia had many natural defenses to protect against invaders.

35)_____ The Paleolithic Age is when people first began to farm, build communities, and trade.