**Early Agriculture Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Essential Question: How and where did agriculture begin? What did it look like?**

1. Agriculture first developed during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ period, or New Stone Age, an era that lasted from about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until about 5000 BCE. Agriculture developed independently in different areas of the world at different times. The first evidence of agriculture has been found in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is believed that people in this region started farming around 8000 BCE.
2. The area where agriculture started is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. People here started to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plant and harvest certain crops such as wheat and barley. Domestication was important to the development of early agricultural societies. Early humans would plant only the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ types of grains. As people found the types of crops that grew well, they would plant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of those. This led to more and more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ efforts to grow more food.
3. Early humans started using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make their tools during this time. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was developed as a way to break up soil while the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was developed to cut crops while harvesting.
4. Domestication allowed people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals instead of hunting them. This involved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ breeding: choosing animals with favorable traits. These traits were passed on to make animals that were stronger, produced more meat or milk, or were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first animals to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for agriculture were goats and sheep. Their breeding was especially useful in dry climates.

Agriculture = growing food

Neolithic period = The time when agriculture began

Stone Age = The time when all humans were hunter gatherers

Agriculture = growing food, raising animals

Independently = by itself, without help

Evidence = proof

region = an area, a place

BCE = Before Common Era / before Christ lived.

Fertile Crescent. = an area in the middle east , Iraq

Deliberately = on purpose / planned

Crops = plants grown for food

Barley = a type of grain

Domestication = taming animals, breeding animals

development = to change, to grow, to advance

societies = communities or groups of people

Grains = plants we eat with seeds

attempts = to try something

sickle = a curved blade used to harvest

selective breeding = reproduce to get certain type of plant/ animal

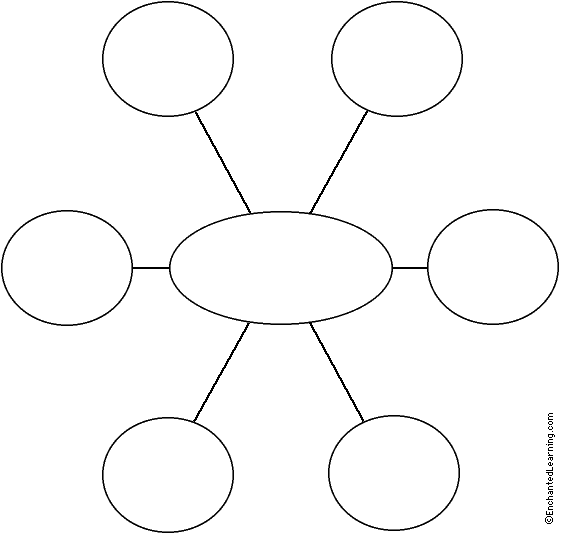
traits = behaviors, qualities, types

Especially = mainly

Traditional = old fashioned, the old way of doing something

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**Describe the changes that lead to the development of Agriculture in the Fertile Crescent:**



The beginning of Agriculture in the Fertile Crescent (modern day Iraq)

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Write a paragraph!!!!! Where did agriculture begin and how was agriculture a new way to produce food?** Use complete sentences. Give 3 examples or details. Assume the reader is not familiar with the topic. Write at least 5 sentences.

**Sentence 1:** Introduce your topic. What are you going to be writing about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sentence 2:** Define ideas or give your opinion. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sentence 3**: Give an example or a detail about your topic and explain why it is important (you might need 2 sentences) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Sentence 4:** Give another example or detail about your topic and explain why it is important (you might need 2 sentences)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Sentence 5:** Conclude your paragraph \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_