**Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the First City-States**

As you watch the each of the videos, answer the following questions:

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| **Where & Why Did the First Cities and States Appear Video Questions Answer Key** |
| Questions | Notes |
| Where and why did the first cities and states appear?https://school.bighistoryproject.com/-/media/SchoolBigHistory/BHP_2014-15/Images/UnitThumbs/Unit7/CU7-1-2_WhereWhyCitiesStatesFirstAppear.jpg | Part I1. **1. 0:55** Why does David Christian claim that increasing complexity depends on agriculture?
2. **2. 2:00** What was the “secondary products revolution” and why was it so important to the spread of agriculture and the growth of cities and states?

Part II1. **3:34** What is an agrarian civilization?

1. **3:50** Where did the first agrarian societies develop?

1. **5:02** Why does David Christian say that "surpluses" are the key to cities?

1. **5:30** Why does Christian argue that cities needed a "coordinating mechanism"?

Part III1. **7:22** What are the characteristics that all agrarian civilizations share?

1. **8:05** Why does David Christian make the claim that writing accelerated collective learning? Do you agree with him?

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| **Agrarian Civilizations Reading Questions Answer Key** |
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| Where and why did early agrarian civilizations begin? | 1. Where did the first agrarian civilizations appear?

1. **What is the difference between a city, a state, and a civilization.**

1. **What geographic feature did most civilizations share?**

1. **Why and How did states emerge?**

1. **What are the important characteristics of a civilization:**

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| **The Origins of World Religions Reading Questions Answer Key** |
| Questions | Notes |
| How and where did the major world religions develop? | 1. **What are the common features of “portable, congregational religions” according to historians J.R. McNeill and William McNeill?**

1. **What was distinctive about each new belief system?**

1. **What is the one common theme or tenet that Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daosim, Christianity, and Islam all teach?**

1. **What is the caste system and what characterizes each level of this system?**

1. **What are the Purusharthas?**

1. **How did Buddhism begin and what are its “Four Noble Truths?”**

1. **What is the Eight-Fold Path about?**
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| **We’re Not in Kansas Anymore: The Development of Cities Reading Questions Answer Key** |
| Questions | Notes |
| How and why did cities develop? | 1. *How do scientists know that by 1200 BCE most of the world’s largest cities were in the Middle East?*

1. *What did Stokes Brown say were the important similarities in all early cities?*

1. *How can the Olmec heads tell us so much about the early cities of Mesoamerica?*

1. *What are the types of things we learned from “The Sumerian Goddess Inanna Looks After the City Agade”?*

1. *What does Hammurabi’s Code tell us about the city of Babylon?*

1. *Why does Ravi say is the purpose of religion and laws?*

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