

Agriculture and Early Settlements

► Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 8–9 of the Atlas. Read the introduction and the history question, “Isn’t that wild?” Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. For early settlers, hunting and gathering was more reliable than agriculture.

 - b. Agriculture changed human society forever. _____
 - c. Dogs were the first domestic animal. _____

★ Thinking About History

2. Read the introduction again. Then, for each of the following pair of events, write **C** next to the cause and **E** next to the effect.
 - a. _____ People began to herd wild animals and plant seeds.
_____ Farming communities began.
 - b. _____ Settlements became permanent.
_____ Farmers could get their food in one place.
 - c. _____ Settlements became permanent.
_____ Farming communities grew into villages.
 - d. _____ People became free to specialize and work other jobs than growing food.
_____ Farmers grew more food than they needed.

► Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Use map A, “Spread of Agriculture” to answer the following questions.
 - a. In what region did farming begin? _____
 - b. What were the first two cities? _____ and _____
 - c. By 5000 B.C. why could more lands be farmed? _____
 - d. Why did farming spread into West Africa?

 - e. By 3000 B.C. on what continent were people still only hunting and gathering?

★ **History Through Maps**

4. Look at map B, "Jericho." Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. How many people lived in Jericho? _____
- b. What buildings were located inside the city walls? _____, _____, and _____
- c. What kind of crop was grown in Jericho? _____
- d. What was located outside of the city walls? _____
- e. What conclusions can you draw about the society of Jericho from looking at this illustration of the city? _____

➤ **People and Their Environments**

5. Look at picture C and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. Why was herding animals more reliable than hunting?

- b. What was one type of animal that was herded? _____

➤ **Location**

6. Look at chart D, "Earliest Domestic Plants and Animals." Draw a line from each domestic animal or plant to the place where it was found. Some animals and plants were found in more than one region.

Domestic Plant or Animal

- a. turkeys •
- b. goats •
- c. yams •
- d. rye •
- e. rice •
- f. cotton •

Region

- Middle East
- Americas
- Africa
- South and Southeast Asia
- Europe
- China